

FOREWORD

Oregon Laws 2012 is an online publication of the Oregon Legislative Assembly. This publication consists of each bill passed by the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly at its 2012 regular session that was signed by the Governor or allowed to become law without signature. The Governor subsequently filed these session laws with the Secretary of State, who assigned each session law a chapter number. The Office of the Legislative Counsel prepares and publishes Oregon Laws 2012 in accordance with ORS 171.236.

Each session law chapter contains a cross-reference to its bill number. The dates of approval and filing by the Governor and the chapter's effective date appear at the end of each chapter.

Pursuant to ORS 171.022, each Act passed by the Legislative Assembly takes effect on January 1 of the year after passage of the Act, unless a different date is specified in the Act. **The normal effective date for most Acts passed at the 2012 regular session is January 1, 2013.** The effective date for Acts that took effect on the "91st day following adjournment sine die" is June 4, 2012.

Article IV, section 28, of the Oregon Constitution, provides that an Act may not take effect sooner than 90 days from the end of a legislative session unless an emergency is declared in the Act. Unless otherwise specified in an Act in which an emergency is declared, the Act takes effect on the date it is approved by the Governor or, if neither approved nor disapproved by the Governor, on the date it is filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

An Act that becomes effective earlier than 90 days after the end of the session in which it is passed is not subject to referendum by petition under Article IV, section 1, of the Oregon Constitution. Other Acts may be referred to the people for their approval or rejection by petition filed with the Secretary of State not more than 90 days after the end of the session.