

FOREWORD

Oregon Laws (session laws) are the bills of one session of the Legislative Assembly that are enacted into law. Bills that passed both the Senate and House of Representatives are submitted to the Governor for approval or disapproval. The Governor files each Act that the Governor signs, or allows to become law without signature, with the Secretary of State for enrolling and session law chapter number assignment. Acts that the Legislative Assembly refers to Oregon voters are filed directly with the Secretary of State for enrolling and session law chapter number assignment. Session law chapter numbering for each legislative session begins with 1 and continues consecutively. Chapters are numbered in the order in which they are approved.

Statewide statutory initiative measures that are adopted by Oregon voters at a regular general election are assigned session law chapter numbers for the immediately following odd-numbered year regular session.

OREGON LAWS 2015

The Office of the Legislative Counsel prepares and publishes Oregon Laws in accordance with ORS 171.236. Each Oregon Laws compilation contains all the laws passed, and all the resolutions adopted, at a session of the Legislative Assembly. Each published session law chapter contains a cross-reference to its bill number. The dates of the Governor's approval (if signed) and filing with the Secretary of State and the chapter's effective date appear at the end of each chapter. Resolutions are not law and, thus, only the date of filing with the Secretary of State by the Senate or House of Representatives appears at the end of each published resolution.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 10, OREGON CONSTITUTION

Article IV, section 10, Oregon Constitution, authorizes each Legislative Assembly to convene an organizational session of unlimited duration and limits the duration of the assembly's odd-numbered year regular session to 160 calendar days and even-numbered year regular session to 35 calendar days.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Organizational Session, January 12, 2015

The Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly convened its organizational session on January 12, 2015, to introduce measures, choose its officers, judge the election and qualifications of its members, and adopt rules of proceeding. The Legislative Assembly adopted House Concurrent Resolution 15 (2015), which established the schedule and deadlines for the 2015 regular session, and Senate Concurrent Resolution 5 (2015), which adjourned the one-day organizational session.

2015 Regular Session, February 2 to July 6, 2015

The Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly convened its 2015 regular session on February 2, 2015, and adjourned on July 6, 2015, which was the 155th calendar day. The Legislative Assembly passed 847 bills and submitted 846 bills to the Governor. One Act, chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2015 (Enrolled House Bill 3085), was referred only to the voters of the City of Damascus as state Ballot Measure 93, at a special election on May 17, 2016. The Legislative Assembly adopted Senate Joint Resolution 4 (2015), which referred a proposed constitutional amendment to the regular general election on November 8, 2016. Also adopted at the 2015 regular session were Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 (2015), which established the schedule and deadlines for pre-session-filed measures for the 2016 regular session, and House Concurrent Resolution 33 (2015), which adjourned the 2015 regular session.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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 Acts passed at the 2015 regular session is January 1, 2016.

Article IV, section 28, 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 the Act, an Act in which an emergency is declared 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.

REFERENDUM

An Act that takes effect sooner 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, 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.

VETO SUMMARY

The Governor approved all 846 bills passed by the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly during the 2015 regular session that were submitted to the Governor for approval or disapproval. The Governor did not exercise any of the veto powers granted by Article V, sections 15a and 15b, Oregon Constitution.

VOTES ON STATE MEASURES

General Election, November 4, 2014

The following state measures, referred to the people of Oregon by the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly at its 2013 and 2014 regular sessions, proposed by referendum petition, or proposed by initiative petition, were voted on at the general election held November 4, 2014:

Ballot Title	Proposed By	Outcome
No. 86 – Amends Constitution: Requires creation of fund for Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education, authorizes state indebtedness to finance fund.	SJR 1 (2013)	Failed
No. 87 – Amends Constitution: Permits employment of state judges by National Guard (military service) and state public universities (teaching).	SJR 203 (2014)	Passed
No. 88 – Provides Oregon resident “driver card” without requiring proof of legal presence in the United States.	Referendum Petition on SB 833 (chapter 48, Oregon Laws 2013)	Failed
No. 89 – Amends Constitution: State/political subdivision shall not deny or abridge equality of rights on account of sex.	Initiative	Passed
No. 90 – Changes general election nomination processes: provides for single primary ballot listing candidates; top two advance.	Initiative	Failed
No. 91 – Allows possession, manufacture, sale of marijuana by/to adults, subject to state licensing, regulation, taxation.	Initiative	Passed
No. 92 – Requires food manufacturers, retailers to label “genetically engineered” foods as such; state, citizens may enforce.	Initiative	Failed

VOTE ON STATE MEASURE

Special Election, May 17, 2016

The following state measure, referred only to the voters of the City of Damascus by the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly at its 2015 regular session, was voted on at a special election held on the same date as the primary election, May 17, 2016:

Ballot Title	Proposed By	Outcome
No. 93 – Majority yes vote disincorporates City of Damascus; property to Clackamas County, net assets to taxpayers.	HB 3085 (chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2015)	Passed
