

F O R E W O R D

OREGON LAWS 2020

Oregon Laws (also known as 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.

State 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 2020

Oregon Laws 2020 consists of the three laws passed, and the three resolutions adopted, by the Eightieth Legislative Assembly at its 2020 regular session. The Office of the Legislative Counsel prepares and publishes Oregon Laws in accordance with ORS 171.236.

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.

Oregon Laws 2020, as published on the legislative website, also includes supplemental documents related to the 2020 regular session. Among these supplemental documents is a combined document containing (1) the tables of Senate and House Bills Enacted showing the session law chapter numbers assigned to the three Acts of the 2020 regular session that were submitted to and approved by the Governor and (2) the table of Statutes Affected by Measures.

Article IV, Section 10, of the Oregon Constitution (Duration of Organizational and Regular Sessions)

Article IV, section 10, of the 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.

Article IV, Section 12, of the Oregon Constitution (Quorum Requirement)

Article IV, section 12, of the Oregon Constitution, requires that two-thirds of the members of each house be in attendance to constitute a quorum to do business and allows a smaller number of members of each house to meet, adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members.

EIGHTIETH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 2020 Regular Session February 3 to March 8, 2020

The Eightieth Legislative Assembly convened its 2020 regular session on February 3, 2020. Before failing to achieve the constitutional quorum required for each house to do business, the Legislative Assembly passed three bills that were submitted to the Governor. The Governor subsequently approved and filed these bills with the Secretary of State for chapter number assignment:

- House Bill 4061, relating to cultural registration plates.
- House Bill 4106, relating to the withdrawal of territory added to a district by a vote of the electors; and declaring an emergency.
- House Bill 4140, relating to students diagnosed with a brain injury.

The Legislative Assembly also adopted three resolutions and filed them with the Secretary of State. The adopted resolutions are:

- House Concurrent Resolution 201 (2020), which established the deadlines for completion of measures for the 2020 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly.
- Senate Concurrent Resolution 202 (2020), which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the federal Rehabilitation Act.
- Senate Concurrent Resolution 203 (2020), which recognized the 2019 Oregon Women of Achievement for outstanding leadership and service to the people of Oregon.

The Senate failed to achieve a quorum for 11 calendar days, beginning on the 22nd calendar day (February 24, 2020), and ending on the 32nd calendar day (March 5, 2020), when the Senate President, adjourned the Senate until the call of the President, pursuant to Article IV, section 12, of the Oregon Constitution, and Senate Rule 3.01 (2). The House of Representatives failed to achieve a quorum for 10 calendar days, beginning on the 23rd calendar day (February 25, 2020) and ending on the 32nd calendar day (March 5, 2020), when the Speaker of the House adjourned the House of Representatives until 11:59 p.m. on March 8, 2020, in compliance with Article IV, section 12, of the Oregon Constitution. These actions functionally ended the work of the 2020 regular session, which expired at the end of the 35th calendar day (11:59 p.m., March 8, 2020), pursuant to Article IV, section 10, of the Oregon Constitution.

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. 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 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.

The normal effective date for both Acts without an emergency clause passed by the 2020 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly is January 1, 2021.

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, 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 (Saturday, June 6, 2020).

VETO SUMMARY

The Governor did not exercise any of the veto powers granted by Article V, sections 15a and 15b, of the Oregon Constitution.
