

Senate Joint Resolution 11

Sponsored by Senator DECKERT

SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to allow Legislative Assembly, or people through initiative process, to enact laws permitting persons who are 17 years of age and will be 18 years of age at next general election to register and to vote in intervening primary election.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 2, Article II of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Qualifications of electors. (1) Every citizen of the United States is entitled to vote in all elections not otherwise provided for by this Constitution if such citizen:

(a) Is 18 years of age or older;

(b) Has resided in this state during the six months immediately preceding the election, except that provision may be made by law to permit a person who has resided in this state less than 30 days immediately preceding the election, but who is otherwise qualified under this subsection, to vote in the election for candidates for nomination or election for President or Vice President of the United States or elector of President and Vice President of the United States; and

(c) Is registered not less than 20 calendar days immediately preceding any election in the manner provided by law.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section, the Legislative Assembly or the people through the initiative process may enact laws permitting citizens who are 17 years of age, but will be 18 years of age on or before the date of the next general election and are otherwise qualified, to register and to vote in any intervening primary election.

[(2)] (3) Except as otherwise provided in section 6, Article VIII of this Constitution with respect to the qualifications of voters in all school district elections, provision may be made by law to require that persons who vote upon questions of levying special taxes or issuing public bonds shall be taxpayers.

PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.