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Petition ID 31

November 6, 2018
General Election

Amends Constitution: Expands (beyond taxes) application of requirement that three-fifths legislative majority approve bills raising revenue

Result of "Yes" Vote: "Yes" vote expands "bills for raising revenue," which require three-fifths legislative majority, to include (beyond taxes) fees and changes to tax exemptions, deductions, credits.

Result of "No" Vote: "No" vote retains current law that bills for raising revenue, which require three-fifths legislative majority, are limited to bills that levy/increase taxes.

Summary: The Oregon Constitution provides that "bills for raising revenue" require the approval of three-fifths of each house of the legislature. The constitution does not currently define "raising revenue." Oregon courts have interpreted that term to include bills that bring money into the state treasury by levying or increasing a tax. Under that interpretation, a bill imposing a fee for a specific purpose or in exchange for some benefit or service is not included. Nor is a bill that reduces or eliminates tax exemptions. Proposed measure amends constitution and defines "raising revenue" to include any tax or fee increase, including changes to tax exemptions, deductions, or credits. Measure expands three-fifths legislative majority requirement to also apply to such bills.

Be It Resolved by the People of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 25, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Section 25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, a majority of all the members elected to each House shall be necessary to pass every bill or Joint resolution.

(2) Three-fifths of all members elected to each House shall be necessary to pass bills for raising revenue.

(3) All bills, and Joint resolutions passed, shall be signed by the presiding officers of the respective houses.

(4) As used in subsection (2) of this section, "raising revenue" means any tax or fee increase, whether accomplished by the creation, imposition or increase of any tax or fee, or by the modification, elimination or change in eligibility for any exemption, credit, deduction or lower rate of taxation.

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2 Provide the date you signed the petition, your printed name and residence address. Only you may complete this optional information.

3 It is against the law for signers to:

→ Sign another person's name under any circumstances.

→ Sign a petition more than one time.

→ Sign a petition when you are not qualified to sign it.

To the Secretary of State of Oregon: I am an active Oregon voter and request this petition be placed on the ballot for approval or rejection at the election listed.

Signature **Date Signed** mm/dd/yy

Print Name **Residence Address** street, city, zip code **Sheet Number** Completed by Chief Petitioner