

Senate Joint Resolution 18

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require Legislative Assembly at regular session held in odd-numbered year to pass bill appropriating funds for state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education before passing any bill appropriating funds for any other state agency.

Specifies that bill appropriating money to state agency in violation of section is void.

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. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 9 to be added to and made a part of Article VIII, such section to read:

SECTION 9. (1) In each regular session held in an odd-numbered year, the Legislative Assembly shall pass a bill that appropriates the funds for the state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education for the biennium next following the commencement of the regular session held in an odd-numbered year before the Legislative Assembly passes any other bill that appropriates funds for any other state agency for the biennium next following the commencement of the regular session held in an odd-numbered year.

(2) If the Governor returns a bill passed under subsection (1) of this section with written objections, as provided in section 15b, Article V of this Constitution, the Legislative Assembly shall either reconsider and approve the bill as provided in section 15b, Article V of this Constitution, or shall pass a new bill that appropriates the funds for the state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education for the biennium next following the commencement of the regular session held in an odd-numbered year before the Legislative Assembly passes any other bill that appropriates funds for any other state agency for the biennium next following the commencement of the regular session held in an odd-numbered year.

(3) A bill that appropriates funds for a state agency that is passed in violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section is void and has no effect.

(4) As used in this section, "state agency" means any elected or appointed officer, board, commission, department, institution, branch or other agency of the state government.

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.