

Senate Joint Resolution 20

Sponsored by Senator BONHAM (Pre-session 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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Resolution says that more than half of the Senate has to ok a reprieve, commutation or pardon. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6).

Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to require approval by a majority of the Senate of any reprieve, commutation or pardon.

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 14, Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 14. (1)(a) [*He*] **The Governor** shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations, and pardons, after conviction, for all [*offences*] **offenses** except treason, subject to **subsection (3) of this section and** such regulations as may be provided by law. [*Upon conviction for treason he*] **The Governor** shall have power to suspend the execution of the sentence **for a conviction for treason** until the case shall be reported to the Legislative Assembly, at its next meeting, when the Legislative Assembly shall either grant a pardon, commute the sentence, direct the execution of the sentence, or grant a [*farther*] **further** reprieve.[-]

(b) [*He*] **The Governor** shall have power to remit fines, and forfeitures, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law; *and*].

(2) **The Governor** shall report to the Legislative Assembly at its next meeting each case of reprieve, commutation, or pardon granted, and the reasons for granting the same; and also the names of all persons in whose favor remission of fines, and forfeitures shall have been made, and the several amounts remitted.

(3) **A reprieve, commutation or pardon does not take effect unless, after the report to the Legislative Assembly described in subsection (2) of this section, the reprieve, commutation or pardon is approved by a majority vote of the Senate.**

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.