

Senate Joint Resolution 29

Sponsored by Senator GIROD

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 bills, amendments and other legislative measures to be published and accessible by public at least 24 hours before legislative committee or joint committee takes action on bill, amendment or other measure. Permits legislative committee or joint committee to suspend 24-hour publication requirement upon two-thirds vote in favor of suspension.

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

3 **PARAGRAPH 1.** Section 14, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended
4 to read:

5 **Sec. 14.** The deliberations of each house, of committees of each house or joint committees and
6 of committees of the whole, shall be open. **Every bill, amendment and other legislative measure**
7 **that is considered by a legislative committee or joint committee must be published and ac-**
8 **cessible by the public at least 24 hours in advance of any hearing on the bill, amendment or**
9 **other legislative measure.** Each house shall adopt rules to implement the [*requirement*] **require-**
10 **ments** of this section and the houses jointly shall adopt rules to implement the requirements of this
11 section in any joint activity that the two houses may undertake. **Rules requiring that each bill,**
12 **amendment or other legislative measure be published and accessible at least 24 hours in ad-**
13 **van**ce may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the legislative committee or joint committee
14 **that is hearing the bill, amendment or other legislative measure.**

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

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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.