

**Amends Constitution: Requires two-thirds supermajority for legislature to declare emergency that accelerates law's effective date; exceptions**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote requires two-thirds supermajority for legislative emergency declaration that makes law effective earlier than ninety days after legislative session ends; specified exceptions.

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote retains existing requirement of a simple majority for legislative emergency declaration that makes law effective earlier than ninety days after legislative session ends.

**Summary:** Currently, the Oregon Constitution provides that no law takes effect until ninety days from the end of the session at which it was passed, unless an emergency has been declared in the preamble or body of the law. The legislature may not declare an emergency in any act regulating taxation or tax exemptions. Laws, including budget appropriations, passed without an accompanying emergency declaration may be subject to voter referendum to affirm, revise or repeal. Currently such emergency declarations may be adopted by majority vote of legislature. Measure would require two-thirds supermajority in both chambers of legislature to adopt emergency declaration; exception in some circumstances for bills passed in direct response to "catastrophic disasters" under Article X-A of Constitution, and for certain appropriation bills.

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**A full and correct copy of the text of the initiative petition is available from chief petitioners.**

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**Chief Petitioners**

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**Instructions for Circulators**

- 1 Only active Oregon voters may sign a petition. Ask each signer if they are an active registered voter in Oregon.
  - 2 A single circulator must personally witness all signatures collected on any one signature sheet. After witnessing each signature on a sheet, use a pen to sign and date the circulator certification.
  - 3 Initial any changes you make to the date you signed the certification. A complete list of allowable circulator certification corrections is provided in the Circulator Training Manual available at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov).
  - 4 **It is against the law for circulators to:**
    - Circulate a petition containing a false signature.
    - Make false statements to any person who signs the petition or requests information about it.
    - Attempt to obtain the signature of a person who is not qualified to sign the petition.
    - Offer money or anything of value to another person to sign or not sign the petition.
    - Sell or offer to sell signature sheets.
    - Write, alter, correct, clarify or obscure any information about the signers unless the signer is disabled and requests assistance or the signer initials after the changes are made.
    - Accept compensation to circulate a petition that is based on the number of signatures obtained.
- ⚠ Warning** Violations of the circulator requirements may result in conviction of a felony with a fine of up to \$125,000 and/or prison for up to 5 years.
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**Instructions for Signers**

- 1 Only active Oregon voters may sign a petition. Use a pen to sign your name, as you did when you registered to vote.
- 2 Provide the date you signed the petition, your printed name and residence address. Only you may complete this optional information.
- 3 Initial any changes the circulator makes to your printed name, residence address or date you signed the petition.
- 4 **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.

