

# Election 86

## November 4 measures in basic English

**BALLOT MEASURE - 1**    **BALLOT MEASURE - 4**    **BALLOT MEASURE - 8**    **BALLOT MEASURE -11**    **BALLOT MEASURE -14**

Deletes constitutional requirement that Secretary of State live in Salem.

**EXPLANATION:** The present provision allows that the Governor, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer must keep "official records, books, and papers" at the seat of government" (Salem) and that the Secretary of State, not the Governor, must live there also. This measure would remove this requirement without changing the requirement of keeping the records, books, etc.

Replaces Public Utility Commissioner with a three member Public Utility Commission.

**EXPLANATION:** The measure creates a three member Public Utility Commission. First appointees will have staggered terms, standard terms will be four years. Governor may remove members and no more than two members may be in one political party.

**BALLOT MEASURE - 5**

Legalizes private possession and growing of marijuana for personal use.

Prohibits mandatory local measured telephone service except mobile phone service.

**EXPLANATION:** Measured service means charging for local service based upon number, length, distance, or time of calls or any combination thereof. This measure would prohibit this except in the case of land, marine, and air mobile phone service. Public Utility Commissioner may not take action circumventing this Act.

**BALLOT MEASURE - 9**

Limits property tax rates and assessed value increases.

**EXPLANATION:** Sets maximum property tax rate for 1987 and following years. Any change in tax rate requires approval by majority of voters. Includes exemptions and limits annual assessed value increase to 2%.

Homeowner's, renter's property tax relief program; sales tax limitation measure.

**EXPLANATION:** Offers tax relief in form of \$25,000 exemption or half of assessed value of owner's home, (which ever is less). The measure would bar sales tax except by initiative. Exemptions would be adjusted annually according to assessed value increases. Includes renter's relief and state reimbursement of taxes lost to local government of at least 80%. Reimbursement is to be partly funded by lottery proceeds.

**BALLOT MEASURE -12**

State Income Tax Changes. Increased Revenue to Property Tax Relief.

**EXPLANATION:** The measure increases rates for higher taxable income to a maximum of 15% and reduces state tax rates for low taxable personal income. Top rates are now 10% for amount over \$5,000. This measure would increase that to 15% for amount over \$11,000. It would reduce federal and foreign country income tax adjustments and change corporate excise tax from a flat 7.5% rate to a graduated 5.5% to 10.5% rate. Changes depreciation deductions. The increase revenue would be meant to provide homeowner and renter property tax relief.

**BALLOT MEASURE -13**

Twenty day pre-election voter registration cutoff.

**EXPLANATION:** This measure would require a voter to be registered at least 20 days before an election in order to vote in that election.

Prohibits nuclear power plant operation until a permanent waste site is licensed.

**EXPLANATION:** This measure would prohibit Trojan nuclear power plant from producing power until the Energy Facility Siting Council finds that the federal government has licensed a permanent disposal site. The measure would allow for a law declaring emergency need for power to be approved by the voters which would allow Trojan temporary operation. The measure would become effective December 4, 1986.

**BALLOT MEASURE -15**

Supersedes radioactive waste definition. Changes energy facility study payment procedure.

**EXPLANATION:** The measure changes the definition of radioactive waste to include waste generated before June 1, 1981 through process producing zirconium, hafnium, niobium, regardless of concentration. It also includes uranium mine overburden, tailings, mill wastes, or mill by-product materials under the definition of radioactive waste.

**BALLOT MEASURE -16**

Phases out nuclear weapons manufacture with tax credits, civil penalty.

**EXPLANATION:** The measure prohibits manufacture of nuclear weapons or parts and subjects to civil penalty, (maximum \$5,000 per day). Would go into effect in 1990, but contracts effected before this time would be allowed to be completed. The measure would also create tax credits for businesses retraining employees or changing from making nuclear weapons to consumer products.



**BALLOT MEASURE - 2**

Constitutional Amendment revising legislative district reapportionment.

**EXPLANATION:** This measure changes the time periods for review by the Supreme Court and revisions by the Secretary of State, but keeps provisions requiring the legislature to reapportion legislative districts after a federal census, and if not, requires the Secretary of State to do so. It requires legislative candidates to have lived in district since Jan. 1, and requires the Secretary of State to hold a public hearing. Voters of new district may recall holder senator assigned to their district.

**BALLOT MEASURE - 3**

Allows charitable, fraternal, and religious organizations to conduct raffles.

**EXPLANATION:** Present provisions ban all lotteries except state lottery. This measure would allow charitable, fraternal, and religious organizations exempt from income tax to hold go, lotto, and raffle games. Would also allow foundations with the same purpose, but subject to federal income tax, to hold such games.

**EXPLANATION:** This law would eliminate criminal penalties, fines, or forfeitures for private possession for growing of marijuana for personal use. Nor would it require a permit or license to facilitate such activities.

**BALLOT MEASURE - 6**

Constitutional amendment state funding of abortions except to prevent mother's death.

**EXPLANATION:** This measure would add to Article IX of the Oregon Constitution a section stating that state monies must not be used to fund abortions except to prevent the death of the mother.

**BALLOT MEASURE - 7**

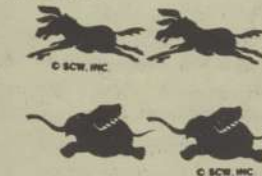
Constitutional 5% sales tax funding schools, reducing property tax.

**EXPLANATION:** Requires a 5% sales tax, and use tax on tangible personal property. Provides low-income rates and exemptions. Requires state school and community college support at 1985-87 proportion of state budget plus 70% of net tax revenue. Prohibits similar local taxes and reduces property tax on owner occupied residences and provides equivalent renter relief. Limits property tax rates.

**BALLOT MEASURE -10**

Revises many criminal laws concerning victims' rights, evidence, sentencing, and parole.

**EXPLANATION:** Protects victims from pretrial contact by criminal defendant. Forbids exclusion of victim from courtroom during trial. Gives victim a role in trial scheduling, sentencing, and parole. Requires joint trial of jointly charged defendants unless "clearly inappropriate." Limits sentence merger for multiple crimes. Sets consecutive sentences rules. Gives state and defendant the same number of jury challenges. Expands witness's prior conviction cross-examination. Expands victims' compensation rights. Requires that parole last entire term of sentence. Defines "victim" broadly. Makes other changes.



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**TUES. NOV. 4**

