

Measure 56: Amends Oregon Constitution - Eliminates "double majority" rule

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This is a divided issue. There are people who believe the "double majority" rule should stay and those who believe it should go away.

The Oregon Overseas voters guide provides scanned PDFs showing arguments for and against the measure.

There are 23 arguments (posted over 3 pages) in favor of this measure (ie they want to vote YES and REMOVE the rule)

There are 7 arguments against this measure (ie they want to vote NO and KEEP the rule).

I find that reading through both the arguments for and the arguments against seem to focus on extreme outcomes of what could happen if the "other side" wins.

I wonder if anyone considers it this way:

By having this "double majority" rule as part of our constitution we must acknowledge that there is no way to abstain from voting on a tax measure. Either you vote for it or you vote against it - if you wish to abstain i.e. not vote - your vote is considered a no vote. Is that fair?