

No More Fake Emergencies Act Talking Points

1. The 'emergency clause' takes away your constitutional right to vote to overturn politicians' bad laws.
2. 50% of all bills introduced in each legislative session have an 'emergency clause' attached to the bill. Most are 'fake' emergencies.
3. The 'No Fake Emergencies Act' is a constitutional amendment that makes it much harder for the legislature to take away your constitutional right to vote by attaching the 'emergency clause'.
4. Under this amendment, it would take a 2/3rds majority (40 votes in the Oregon House and 20 in the Senate) to attach an 'emergency clause'. It only takes simple majorities today, 31 in the House and 16 in the Senate.
5. If our amendment had been in place the following laws would not have passed with emergency clauses, allowing we the people to gather signatures and have a statewide vote.
 - A. Background checks for private gun sales
 - B. Hidden gas tax increase with no money going to roads.(Low Carbon Fuel Standard)
 - C. Automatic voter registration with a drivers licenses.
 - D. Paid sick leave that hurts small business
 - E. Mandatory state run pensions for private sector workers
 - F. Portland's 200 million dollar boondoggle Light Rail bridge
 - G. Cover Oregon (failed 305 Million dollar website)
 - H. Oregon's ObamaCare (1 billion dollar budget shortfall in 2017)
6. This amendment does not stop true emergency spending for disasters, or regular budgets for schools/state agencies (unless the budgets exceed 12% increase in a two year budget period), or budget reductions.
7. If passed by the people in November 2016, the politicians will be stopped from taking away our rights unless there is a true emergency and will send a strong message that we are watching them closely.