

## OREGON CONSTITUTION (1857, RATIFIED 1859)

### ARTICLE I – BILL OF RIGHTS

#### Section 35

No free Negro, or Mulatto, not residing in this state at the time of the adoption of this constitution, shall come, reside, or be within this state, or hold any real estate, or make any contracts, or maintain any suit therein; and the Legislative Assembly shall provide by penal laws, for the removal, by public officers, of all such Negroes, and Mulattos, and for their effectual exclusion from the state, and for the punishment of persons who shall bring them into the state, or employ, or harbor them.\*

\*repealed, November 3, 1926

### ARTICLE II - SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

#### Section 2

In all elections, not otherwise provided for, by this Constitution, every white male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty one years, and upwards, who shall have resided in the State during the six months immediately preceding such election; and every white male of foreign birth of the age of twenty one years, and upwards, who shall have resided in the United States one year, and shall have resided in this State during six months immediately preceding such election, and shall have declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States one year preceding such election, conformably to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization, shall be entitled to vote at all elections authorized by law.\*

\*Amended, November 5, 1912; November 3, 1914; and November 4, 1924

#### Section 6

No Negro, Chinaman, or Mulatto shall have the right of suffrage.