



## Moving the Oregon/Idaho Border

*This proposal is different from secession because it is simply a shift in borders that does not affect the balance of power in the US Senate. It does not create a new state or increase the number of states.*

Borders between states have been relocated many times in US history. If a deal were made that two state legislatures pass, a border change would almost certainly become a reality. According to a peer-reviewed law journal, "Prior to 1921, 36 compacts between states were put into effect with the consent of Congress; virtually all of these settled boundaries between contiguous states." These interstate compacts are constitutional according to Article 1, section 10 of the US Constitution. See link:

[http://scholarship.law.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?&article=1544&context=penn law review](http://scholarship.law.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?&article=1544&context=penn%20law%20review)

The most recent example was land transferred from Minnesota to North Dakota in 1961. Cf. [www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/1961/0/Session+Law/Chapter/236/pdf](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/1961/0/Session+Law/Chapter/236/pdf)