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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3506

1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed bill, line 2, delete "declaring an emergency" and 2 insert "prescribing an effective date".

3 Delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 "<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Task Force on Minority Language Voting
5 Materials is established, consisting of six to nine members appointed
6 as follows:

7 "(a) The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee.

8 "(b) The Director of the Elections Division, or the director's
9 designee.

"(c) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from
 among members of the Senate.

"(d) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
 member from among members of the House of Representatives.

"(e) The Secretary of State and the two members of the Legislative
 Assembly appointed under paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subsection,
 based on a majority vote among these three individuals:

17 "(A) Shall appoint two county clerks.

"(B) May appoint one to three additional members to the task force
 from the community at large. An individual appointed under this
 subparagraph must be an expert in language issues, community or ganization or population analysis.

22 "(2) The task force shall determine the best way to ensure that

members of large language-minority communities receive necessary
voter materials in the applicable minority language. In reaching this
determination, the task force must analyze:

4 "(a) The point at which a language minority community is large
5 enough to warrant voter materials being published in that language;

6 "(b) Which election materials should be provided in one or more
7 minority languages;

8 "(c) Whether minority language voter materials should be provided
9 on the Internet, in printed form or a combination of the two;

"(d) Whether minority language voter materials should be published
 at the state or local level;

"(e) How translation services should balance accuracy, differences
 in dialect and price; and

"(f) How to ensure that the state receives accurate and complete
 data on the number and location of individuals who speak minority
 languages.

"(3) In addition to the issues set forth in subsection (2) of this section, the task force may conduct research and make recommendations on any other issue relating to voting, voting materials or the voting process for language minorities. In conducting its work, the task force may request assistance from any expert willing to volunteer the expert's time and expertise to assisting the task force.

"(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a
quorum for the transaction of business.

"(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a
 majority of the members of the task force.

27 "(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as
28 chairperson.

"(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

"(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task
force.

4 "(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
5 the task force.

6 "(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided 7 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to 8 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to rules 9 no later than October 1, 2014.

"(11) The Secretary of State shall provide staff support to the task
 force.

"(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to Secretary of State for purposes of the task force.

"(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

"<u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of
 the convening of the 2015 regular session of the Legislative Assembly
 as specified in ORS 171.010.

"<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2013 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
date on which the 2013 regular session of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.".

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