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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2198

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete "and".

2 Delete line 3 and insert "247.012 and 247.292; and declaring an 3 emergency.".

4 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete <u>page 2</u> and insert:

5 "SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part
 6 of ORS chapter 247.

"<u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) For purposes of this section, a 'qualified designated
voter registration agency' means a voter registration agency designated
nated under ORS 247.208 that:

10 "(a) Records and stores digital copies of signatures;

11 "(b) Collects age and residence data; and

12 "(c) Processes citizenship documentation.

"(2) Each qualified designated voter registration agency shall pro vide to the Secretary of State age, residence and citizenship data for,
 and a digital copy of the signature of, each person qualified to vote
 under Article II, section 2, Oregon Constitution.

"(3) Upon receiving data for, and a digital copy of the signature of,
 a person described in subsection (2) of this section, the Secretary of
 State shall register to vote each qualified person who is not already
 registered.

"(4) For purposes of this chapter, data submitted and received under
 this section is considered a completed registration card delivered to

1 the Secretary of State.

"(5) The Secretary of State shall ensure that each person registered
under this section is notified that the person is registered to vote and
apprised of the process to:

5 "(a) Cancel registration.

6 "(b) Select a political party affiliation.

7 "SECTION 3. ORS 247.012 is amended to read:

8 "247.012. (1) A qualified person may register to vote or update a regis9 tration to vote by:

"(a) Delivering by mail or otherwise a completed registration card to any
 county clerk, the Secretary of State, any office of the Department of Trans portation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS
 247.208;

"(b) Personally delivering the card to an official designated by a county
 clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

"(c) Completing the voter registration portion of the application for issuance or renewal of a driver license, issuance of a state identification card under ORS 807.400 or a change of address at an office of the Department of Transportation under ORS 247.017; [or]

"(d) Completing a registration card using the electronic voter registration
system described in ORS 247.019[.]; or

"(e) Submitting data to a qualified designated voter registration
 agency described in section 2 of this 2013 Act.

²⁴ "(2) If a registration card is mailed or delivered to:

"(a) Any person other than a county clerk or the Secretary of State, the
person shall forward the card to a county clerk or the Secretary of State not
later than the fifth day after receiving the card; or

(b) The Secretary of State or a county clerk for a county other than the county in which the person applying for registration resides, the Secretary of State or county clerk shall forward the card to the county clerk for the

county in which the person resides not later than the fifth day after receiving the card.

3 "(3) Registration of a qualified person occurs:

"(a) When a legible, accurate and complete registration card is received
in the office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an
office of the Department of Transportation, a designated voter registration
agency under ORS 247.208 or at a location designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

9 "(b) On the date a registration card is postmarked if the card is received 10 after the 21st day immediately preceding an election but is postmarked not 11 later than the 21st day immediately preceding the election and is addressed 12 to an office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an of-13 fice of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration 14 agency as described in ORS 247.208; or

"(c) In the case of a registration card missing a date of birth, containing an incomplete date of birth or containing an unintentional scrivener's error that is supplied or corrected as described in subsection (4) or (6) of this section, on the date that registration would have occurred if the registration card had not been missing the date of birth, contained an incomplete date of birth or contained the scrivener's error.

"(4) Except as provided in ORS 247.125, if a registration card is legible, accurate and contains, at a minimum, the registrant's name, residence address, date of birth and signature, the county clerk shall register the person. If this information is missing from the registration card or the date of birth is incomplete, the county clerk shall attempt to contact the person to obtain the missing or incomplete information. The county clerk may supply the registrant's date of birth from any previous registration of the registrant.

"(5) If a registration card meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section but is missing an indication of political party affiliation, the registrant shall be considered not affiliated with any political party. This sub1 section does not apply if an elector is updating a registration.

"(6) If a registration card contains an unintentional scrivener's error, the
county clerk may attempt to contact the person to correct the error.

"(7) A county clerk may appoint officials to accept registration of persons
at designated locations. The appointments and locations shall be in writing
and filed in the office of the county clerk. The county clerk shall be responsible for the performance of duties by those appointed.

8 "(8) A registration card received and accepted under this section shall be
9 considered an active registration.

10 "(9) A registration may be updated at any time.

11 "SECTION 4. ORS 247.292 is amended to read:

"247.292. (1) A county clerk shall update the registration of an elector in
the county upon receiving written evidence from:

"(a) The elector indicating a residence or mailing address that is different
from the residence or mailing address for the elector as contained in the
records of the county clerk;

"(b) The United States Postal Service indicating a residence address that is different from the residence address for the elector as contained in the records of the county clerk; [or]

20 "(c) The Secretary of State as provided in ORS 247.295; or

²¹ "(d) A voter registration agency designated under ORS 247.208.

"(2) When a county clerk updates the registration of an elector under subsection (1) of this section, the clerk shall send a new precinct memorandum card by nonforwardable mail to the elector as provided in ORS 247.181. The clerk shall include a notice stating that if the residence address or mailing address is not correct, the elector must notify the clerk.

"(3) An elector is not disqualified from voting due to any error relating
to an update of registration made under this section.

"<u>SECTION 5.</u> The Secretary of State and any qualified designated
 voter registration agency that exists on the effective date of this 2013

1 Act shall implement section 2 of this 2013 Act and ORS 247.012, as 2 amended by section 3 of this 2013 Act, no later than January 1, 2014.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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