

Minority Report
A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 116

Ordered by the Senate June 17
Including Senate Minority Report Amendments dated June 17

Sponsored by nonconcurring members of the Senate Committee on Rules: Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR., BOQUIST

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires Secretary of State to conduct study and **analyze impact of special elections that Legislative Assembly has ordered since January 1, 2015** [*develop recommendations regarding most effective methods for improving candidate inclusion in voters' pamphlet and efficacy of voters' pamphlet*]. **Specifies factors that must be considered in secretary's analysis.**

Requires secretary to submit report detailing [*recommendations by September 15, 2020*] **findings by January 1, 2021.**

Sunsets January 2, [*2021*] **2022.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to elections.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Secretary of State shall conduct a study and analyze the impact of**
5 **special elections that the Legislative Assembly has ordered since January 1, 2015.**

6 **(2) As part of the study conducted under subsection (1) of this section, the secretary**
7 **shall analyze:**

8 **(a) Whether the special elections described in subsection (1) of this section created bar-**
9 **riers to the ability of electors to vote. This analysis must specifically consider whether the**
10 **special elections have had a disproportionate impact on the ability to vote by:**

11 **(A) Minority communities;**

12 **(B) Members of a protected class, as defined in ORS 279A.112;**

13 **(C) Veterans, as defined in ORS 408.225, who use absentee ballots to vote; and**

14 **(D) Persons with a disability, as defined in ORS 410.600.**

15 **(b) The percentage of eligible electors in rural and nonurban communities who voted in**
16 **the special elections described in subsection (1) of this section in comparison to the per-**
17 **centage of eligible electors in rural and nonurban communities who voted in the primary and**
18 **general elections held since January 1, 2015.**

19 **(c) The total financial cost to the state to hold the special elections described in sub-**
20 **section (1) of this section.**

21 **(d) The total financial cost to counties in this state to hold the special elections described**
22 **in subsection (1) of this section.**

23 **(3) The secretary shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, setting**
24 **forth the findings of the study, to the interim legislative committees on rules no later than**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **January 1, 2021.**

2 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2022.**

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