

# House Bill 3248

Sponsored by Representative HUDSON

## 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 **as introduced**.

Permits counties, cities and districts to adopt alternative forms of voting for county, city and district elections.

Requires Secretary of State to establish program that allows county, city or district to apply for, and receive, grant to defray cost of purchasing computers, voting machines and vote tally systems that are compatible with alternative systems of voting.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to alternative systems of voting; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 254.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1)(a) The governing body of a county may adopt an alternative system of**  
6 **voting to conduct county elections.**

7 **(b) The governing body of a city may adopt an alternative system of voting to conduct**  
8 **city elections.**

9 **(c) The governing body of a district may adopt an alternative system of voting to conduct**  
10 **regular district elections.**

11 **(2) As used in this section:**

12 **(a) "Alternative system of voting" means ranked choice voting, range voting, propor-**  
13 **tional representation and any other form of nominating or electing candidates that:**

14 **(A) Is authorized under the Oregon Constitution; and**

15 **(B) Has been used within the last 10 years in any federal, state or local election in the**  
16 **United States.**

17 **(b) "District" has the meaning given that term in ORS 255.012.**

18 **(3) The Secretary of State may by rule define ranked choice voting, range voting and**  
19 **proportional representation.**

20 **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 246.**

21 **SECTION 4. (1) The Secretary of State shall by rule establish a program that allows a**  
22 **county, city or district to apply for, and receive, a grant to defray the cost of purchasing**  
23 **computers, voting machines and vote tally systems that are compatible with alternative**  
24 **systems of voting.**

25 **(2) As used in this section:**

26 **(a) "Alternative system of voting" has the meaning given that term in section 2 of this**  
27 **2021 Act.**

28 **(b) "District" has the meaning given that term in ORS 255.012.**

29 **(c) "Vote tally system" and "voting machine" have the meanings given those terms in**

**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 **ORS 254.005.**

2 **SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
3 **ated to the Secretary of State, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General**  
4 **Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of implementing section 4 of this 2021 Act.**

5 **SECTION 6. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**  
7 **on July 1, 2021.**

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