

HB 4133 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Lawrence Spence

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/22/22
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 3-2-0-0
Yeas: 3 - Manning Jr, Taylor, Wagner
Nays: 2 - Girod, Knopp
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires electronic voter registration system to accept voter registration from qualified individual with Social Security number. Requires person to enter only the final four digits of valid Social Security number and allows person to electronically submit image of signature. Allows electronic voter registration system to permit approved third-party organizations to securely submit registration cards electronically on behalf of individuals. Sets implementation deadline of January 1, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Updating the electronic voter regulation system to mirror the paper system
- Voter access
- Electronic voter registration security and integrity
- The role of third parties in the voter registration process
- Voter registration and state residency requirements

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On March 1, 2010, Oregon became the fourth state in the nation to provide online voter registration. In 2009, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2386 directing the Secretary of State (SOS) to adopt an electronic voter registration system. Oregonians who are at least 16 years of age and have a valid Oregon driver's license, permit, or identification card can register to vote online at [My Vote](#). This system was originally created to serve military and overseas voters as required by the federal Military and Overseas Voting Empowerment (MOVE) Act of 2009 and is now available to all voters to both register to vote and update their address or political party affiliation.

In addition to online voter registration, Oregonians may register to vote by returning a [voter registration form](#) by mail; in person at a county elections office; or automatically after a qualifying interaction with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (Oregon Motor Voter). For those who register online or through Oregon Motor Voter, the signature on their driver's license, permit, or identification card serves as the signature for their voter registration card and is the signature used to validate election ballots.

House Bill 4133 A allows individuals to register to vote online with the last four digits of their Social Security number and to electronically submit an image of their signature for use in elections. The measure also allows approved third-party organizations to securely submit registration cards electronically on behalf of individuals.