

**HB 3206 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Permits individual who is 16 or 17 years of age and registered to vote to cast ballot in school district elections, including nomination and election of school directors. Requires Secretary of State to establish process by rule to ensure eligible individual only receives ballot for school district elections. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregonians must register 21 days before election day and must be a U.S. citizen, Oregon resident, and at least 16 years old. Once registered, an individual will receive a ballot and instructions in the mail about two weeks before an election. Registered voters under the age of 18 do not receive a ballot until the first election that occurs on or after the voter's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Article VIII, Section 3 of the Oregon Constitution gives the Legislative Assembly authority to "provide by law for the establishment of a uniform, and general system of Common schools."

House Bill 3206 permits an individual who is 16 or 17 years of age and registered to vote to cast a ballot in school district elections.