

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 585

Ordered by the Senate April 7
Including Senate Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by Senators JAMA, FREDERICK (Pre-session filed.)

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.

Allows otherwise qualified person who becomes United States citizen less than [180] **251** days before date of primary election to file for and be elected to office of precinct committeeperson, if person registers as member of major political party by filing deadline.

Exempts candidate for office of precinct committeeperson from requirement that candidate be member of major political party for at least 180 days before deadline for filing nominating petition or declaration of candidacy if candidate becomes United States citizen within period of 180 days.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to precinct committeeperson eligibility; amending ORS 248.017 and 249.046.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 248.017 is amended to read:

5 248.017. Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 248.015[,];

6 **(1)** An otherwise qualified person who will attain the age of 18 years after the deadline for filing
7 a declaration of candidacy for the office of precinct committeeperson and on or before the date of
8 the primary election, and who is registered as a member of the major political party not later than
9 180 days before the date of the primary election, is eligible to file a declaration of candidacy for the
10 office of precinct committeeperson, to be listed on the ballot and to be elected to the office, includ-
11 ing by write-in votes[.]; **and**

12 **(2)** An otherwise qualified person who becomes a United States citizen during the period
13 beginning 251 days before the date of the primary election and ending on the deadline for
14 filing a declaration of candidacy for the office of precinct committeeperson, and who is reg-
15 istered as a member of the major political party on or before the deadline for filing a decla-
16 ration of candidacy for the office of precinct committeeperson, is eligible to file a declaration
17 of candidacy for the office of precinct committeeperson, to be listed on the ballot and to be
18 elected to the office, including by write-in votes.

19 **SECTION 2.** ORS 249.046 is amended to read:

20 249.046. **(1)** If a candidate has not been a member of the major political party for at least 180
21 days before the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy, the candidate
22 shall not be entitled to receive the nomination of that major political party. If a candidate's regis-
23 tration becomes inactive, the inactive status shall not constitute a lapse of membership in the party
24 if, immediately before the registration became inactive, the candidate was a member of the party
25 and was not a member of any other political party within the 180 days preceding the deadline for

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 filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy.

2 **(2)** The requirement that the candidate be qualified by length of membership does not apply
3 to:

4 **(a)** Any candidate whose 18th birthday falls within the period of 180 days; [*or to*]

5 **(b)** A write-in candidate; **or**

6 **(c) Any candidate for the office of precinct committeeperson who becomes a United**
7 **States citizen within the period of 180 days.**

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