

HB 3012 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure permits an individual who is 16 or 17 years of age and is registered to vote to cast a ballot in school district elections, including the nomination and election of school directors. It does not permit an individual who is 16 or 17 years of age to serve as a director of a district school board or to vote for or serve as a director of an education service district. The measure requires the Secretary of State to establish a process by rule to ensure an eligible individual only receives and casts a ballot for school district elections. It applies to elections on or after January 1, 2027.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment changes the effective date to January 1, 2029.

BACKGROUND:

Section 2, Article II of the Oregon Constitution specifies voter qualifications, including citizenship, residency, and age. 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 18th birthday.

Section 3, Article VIII 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."