

HB 3468 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits a county clerk from using information provided by the Secretary of State from the Department of Transportation or the Oregon Health Authority to change or update any voter registration information for an elector who is already registered to vote. The measure provides that an elector may update the elector's registration by delivering a completed registration card to specified officials or agencies or by completing a registration using the electronic voter registration system. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, Oregon became the first state to automatically register eligible citizens who are not currently registered to vote when they apply for an original, renewal, or replacement driver license, permit, or identification card through Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicles Services (DMV). In 2023, House Bill 2107 expanded Oregon's automatic voter registration system to the Oregon Health Authority as of June 1, 2026, from information provided to the Oregon Health Plan.

The Oregon Department of Transportation, as a designated voter registration agency, provides the Elections Division of the Secretary of State (SOS) with the electronic records of each person who may be eligible to vote after certain interactions with DMV. Data prepared by DMV for retrieval by the Elections Division under Oregon Motor Voter is also used to update the voter registration for existing voters to ensure that voter records are accurate and up to date.

When an individual has a qualifying interaction with DMV, the information from that interaction is compared to the information in the centralized voter registration system (CVRS) to see if the individual has an existing voter record. If the individual is an active registered voter, and the DMV record has more current information than the voter record, such as a new residence or mailing address, the Elections Division will transfer the record to the appropriate county elections office who will determine whether to use the DMV information to update the individual's voter registration record. If a change is made to a voter registration record, the individual receives a voter notification card alerting them of the change.

Registered voters may update their voter registration at any time for changes in home address, mailing address, name, or signature, or if they will be away from home on election day. Political party changes, which determine the type of ballot a voter receives at the primary election, must be made no later than 21 days before the election.