

## HB 2435 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Rules

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires the Secretary of State to publish a monthly report on voter registrations for each county on its website. The measure specifies the information to be published for the preceding month, including the number of registration cards received and rejected, the number of specified voter transactions, the number of registration cancellations for certain reasons, and the number of political party affiliations. The requirement for the report becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

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:**

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. Oregonians may register to vote in one of four ways: online at My 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 Driver and Motor Vehicles Services.

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.

There are four different voter registration statuses: active, inactive, canceled, and challenged ballot. A registered voter can become inactive for several reasons, including when a ballot was returned as undeliverable, a person does not vote or update their registration for 10 years, a person is incarcerated, or a county receives evidence that information on the registration may have changed. A registered voter can be canceled if they die, register to vote in another state, request to be removed from the voter rolls, or if the county clerk determines their registration is not valid. Voters with an inactive and canceled status will not receive a ballot.

The Secretary of State currently publishes monthly voter registrations statistics on its website, including by county, by county and party registration, by congressional district and party registration, and by state legislative district and party registration. Voter registration statistics are available online from 2001 through March 4, 2025.