

SCR 12 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Nash

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/24/25

Action: Do adopt.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bonham, Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure honors Robin A. Church for her outstanding service to the people of the State of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Robin A. Church's career, integrity, and dedication to public service
- The importance of recognizing the individuals who are at the epicenter of elections, the county clerks
- Robin A Church's role in Oregon's vote-by-mail system
- Robin A. Church as a representative of the strength and perseverance of women in eastern Oregon, and as a steadfast defender of democracy

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Robin A. Church was born on September 29, 1954, in La Grande, Oregon. The seed of her future interest in public service was planted on November 7, 1972, when she voted in the first United States presidential election open to 18-year-olds. She began that service when she joined the Union County Sheriff's Office in 1987.

In 1991, Robin joined the Union County Clerk's Office, where she served as Chief Deputy and Deputy Clerk. She was appointed Union County Clerk in 2007, filling the unexpired term of the outgoing clerk. She was first elected Union County Clerk in 2009 and held the position for over 16 years. She served as the president of the Oregon Association of County Clerks in 2019 and was an early advocate for mail-in voting and an instrumental force behind Union County's transition to mail-in elections after Oregonians voted in 1998 to expand mail-in voting to primary and general elections.

Robin retired as Union County Clerk in January 2023, leaving a legacy of efficiency and integrity. She was awarded the National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion Award in 2024 by Oregon Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade, acknowledging her dedication to democracy and further cementing her critical importance to the history of elections in Oregon.