House Bill 2434

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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 **as introduced.** The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Tells DAS to study voter registration in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.1). Requires the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to conduct a study on voter registration in this state. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to elections not later than September 15, 2026. Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to voter registration.

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

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall conduct a study 5 on voter registration in this state. The study conducted under this section must be broad 6 enough in scope to provide reasonable assurance to the voters of this state that every legal 7 vote counts and is not diluted or negated. The study must address any lapses in the elections 8 processes in this state and be sufficiently comprehensive to address the voter registration 9 systems, voter list maintenance processes and the accuracy of voter lists.

10 (2) The study conducted under this section shall review:

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(a) Any irregularities observed within the Department of Transportation;

12 (b) Any irregularities in the issuance of ballots to voters, including multiple ballots issued

for the same individual, ballots issued to individuals registered in another county or state and ballots issued to deceased individuals;

(c) The risk of ballots being issued to individuals who are either ineligible or inaccurately
registered;

(d) The number of registered voters in each county in this state, with an assessment of whether the number of registered voters in each county is reasonable based on the most recent population survey of the estimates of this state's population; and

(e) This state's use of established verification systems for voter registration, including
the Electronic Registration Information Center system, the Help America Vote Verification
system and the use of Social Security number verification.

(3) In conducting the study under this section, the Oregon Department of Administrative
Services may seek input from the United States Election Assistance Commission, the United
States Department of Justice and the National Conference of State Legislatures to guide the
Oregon Department of Administrative Services in the establishment of standards for the
study and to identify best practices for voter list maintenance.

28 (4) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, including and especially

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the Secretary of State, the Department of Transportation and the Oregon Health Authority, 1 $\mathbf{2}$ as well as each office of the county clerk in this state, are directed to assist the Oregon 3 Department of Administrative Services in the performance of the duties of the study under this section and, to the extent permitted by laws related to confidentiality, to furnish infor-4 $\mathbf{5}$ mation and advice that the department considers necessary to the performance of its duties. 6 (5) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall submit a report in the 7manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the 8 interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to elections not later than September 9 15, 2026. SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027. 10

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