

House Bill 3387

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Oregon Association of County Clerks)

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: The Act allows for certain candidates to help county clerks count ballots. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.9).

Permits a precinct committeeperson who appears on the ballot to volunteer as personnel to assist a county clerk with counting ballots.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to precinct committeepersons counting ballots; amending ORS 254.476.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 254.476 is amended to read:

254.476. (1)(a) The county clerk may employ personnel as necessary to open envelopes, handle ballots, prepare ballots for counting and count ballots. The personnel may not all be members of the same political party.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, a candidate who appears on the ballot at an election[*other than an incumbent candidate for county clerk,*] or a person who is a member of the household, spouse, domestic partner, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sibling, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, stepparent or stepchild of any candidate who appears on the ballot may not be employed and may not serve as a volunteer [*in the capacity described in this section*] for the duties described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(c) An incumbent candidate for county clerk who appears on the ballot may be employed, and a precinct committeeperson who appears on the ballot may serve as a volunteer, for the duties described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(2) As used in this section, "member of the household" has the meaning given that term in ORS 244.020.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.