

Senate Bill 1072

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells a county clerk to make sure a person's party is not changed when the person updates an address with ODOT, unless the person asks for the change. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.4).

Requires a county clerk to verify that a person's political party affiliation is not changed when the person updates that person's address with the Department of Transportation, unless the person has requested the change as provided by law.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to political party affiliation; amending ORS 247.017.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 247.017 is amended to read:

5 247.017. (1) The Secretary of State shall by rule establish a schedule by which the Department
6 of Transportation shall provide to the secretary electronic records containing the legal name, age,
7 residence and citizenship information for, and the electronic signature of, each person who meets
8 qualifications identified by the secretary by rule.

9 (2) Upon receiving the electronic record for, and electronic signature of, a person described in
10 subsection (1) of this section, the Secretary of State shall provide the information to the county
11 clerk of the county in which the person may be registered as an elector. The secretary or county
12 clerk shall notify each person of the process to:

13 (a) Decline being registered as an elector.

14 (b) Adopt a political party affiliation.

15 (3)(a) If a person notified under subsection (2) of this section does not decline to be registered
16 as an elector within 21 calendar days after the Secretary of State or county clerk issues the notifi-
17 cation, the person's electronic record and electronic signature submitted under subsection (1) of this
18 section will constitute a completed registration card for the person for purposes of this chapter. The
19 person shall be registered to vote if the county clerk determines that the person is qualified to vote
20 under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution, and the person is not already registered to
21 vote.

22 **(b) For any person whose electronic record is provided to the Secretary of State under**
23 **subsection (1) of this section because that person updated the person's residence address**
24 **with the Department of Transportation, and that person is already registered to vote at the**
25 **time the electronic record is provided, the county clerk shall verify that the person's political**
26 **party affiliation is not changed unless the person has requested the change as provided in**
27 **this chapter.**

28 (4) A county clerk may not send a ballot to, or add to an elector registration list, a person who

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.

1 meets eligibility requirements until at least 21 calendar days after the Secretary of State or county
2 clerk provided notification to the person as described in subsection (2) of this section.

3 (5) In addition to providing electronic records to the Secretary of State under subsection (1) of
4 this section, the Department of Transportation may by rule develop, and require the availability or
5 use of, any form or application the department determines is necessary to ensure compliance with
6 the voter registration provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31).

7 (6) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules required to implement subsections (1) to (4) of this
8 section.

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