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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 478**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, after “341.283” insert “and 341.335”.
2 Delete lines 25 and 26.

3 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 44 and insert:

4 “(6)(a) Before a community college may become a member of, or renew
5 or cancel a membership with, any association, the board must approve the
6 action with an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board.

7 “(b) The requirement under paragraph (a) of this subsection does not ap-
8 ply to any group or organization composed of students, faculty or staff of the
9 community college that joins, renews or cancels the group’s or organization’s
10 membership with an association.

11 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 341.283, as amended by section 1 of this 2025 Act, is
12 amended to read:

13 “341.283. (1) After July 1 of each year, the board of a district shall meet
14 and organize by electing a chairperson and a vice chairperson from its
15 members.

16 “(2) The board shall provide for the time and place of its regular
17 meetings, at any of which it may adjourn to the next succeeding regular
18 meeting or to some specified time prior thereto. Special meetings shall be
19 convened by order of the chairperson of the board or upon the request of four
20 board members at least 24 hours before such meeting is to be held, or by
21 common consent of the board members. Notice of any special meeting shall

1 be given to the members pursuant to bylaws of the board.

2 “(3) A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum. The af-
3 firmative vote of the majority of members of the board is required to transact
4 any business.

5 “(4) The board shall adopt rules for the government of the conduct of its
6 members and its proceedings. The board shall keep a journal and, on the call
7 of any one of its members, shall cause the yeas and nays to be taken and
8 entered upon its journal upon any question before it.

9 “(5) Any duty imposed upon the board as a body shall be performed at a
10 regular or special meeting and shall be made a matter of record. The consent
11 to any particular measure obtained from individual board members when the
12 board is not in session shall not be an act of the board and shall not be
13 binding upon the district.

14 “(6)(a) Before a community college may become a member of, or renew
15 or cancel a membership with, any association, the board must approve the
16 action with an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board.

17 “(b) The requirement under paragraph (a) of this subsection does not ap-
18 ply to any group or organization composed of students, faculty or staff of the
19 community college that joins, renews or cancels the group’s or organization’s
20 membership with an association.

21 “(7) **Each member of the board shall have an official institutional**
22 **email address that is clearly and publicly posted on the website main-**
23 **tained by the community college.”.**

24 On page 3, delete lines 2 through 39 and insert:

25 “**SECTION 4.** ORS 341.283, as amended by sections 1 and 2 of this 2025
26 Act, is amended to read:

27 “341.283. (1) After July 1 of each year, the board of a district shall meet
28 and organize by electing a chairperson and a vice chairperson from its
29 members.

30 “(2) The board shall provide for the time and place of its regular

1 meetings, at any of which it may adjourn to the next succeeding regular
2 meeting or to some specified time prior thereto. Special meetings shall be
3 convened by order of the chairperson of the board or upon the request of four
4 board members at least 24 hours before such meeting is to be held, or by
5 common consent of the board members. Notice of any special meeting shall
6 be given to the members pursuant to bylaws of the board.

7 “(3) A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum. The af-
8 firmative vote of the majority of members of the board is required to transact
9 any business.

10 “(4) The board shall adopt rules for the government of the conduct of its
11 members and its proceedings. The board shall keep a journal and, on the call
12 of any one of its members, shall cause the yeas and nays to be taken and
13 entered upon its journal upon any question before it.

14 “(5) Any duty imposed upon the board as a body shall be performed at a
15 regular or special meeting and shall be made a matter of record. The consent
16 to any particular measure obtained from individual board members when the
17 board is not in session shall not be an act of the board and shall not be
18 binding upon the district.

19 “(6)(a) Before a community college may become a member of, or renew
20 or cancel a membership with, any association, the board must approve the
21 action with an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board.

22 “(b) The requirement under paragraph (a) of this subsection does not ap-
23 ply to any group or organization composed of students, faculty or staff of the
24 community college that joins, renews or cancels the group’s or organization’s
25 membership with an association.

26 “(7) Each member of the board shall have an official institutional email
27 address that is clearly and publicly posted on the website maintained by the
28 community college.

29 “(8) **In addition to the members of the board determined under ORS**
30 **341.275, the board shall include at least one additional nonvoting**

1 **member who is a student enrolled in at least six in-person credits per**
2 **term, other than a summer term, at the community college. The**
3 **member who is a student must be:**

4 **“(a) Elected or selected through a process held by the student gov-**
5 **ernment or student governance structure at the community college;**

6 **“(b) At least 18 years of age at the start of the member’s term on**
7 **the board;**

8 **“(c) A resident of Oregon;**

9 **“(d) Permitted to vote ceremonially on any question subject to a**
10 **vote of the board, with the vote entered along with the yeas and nays**
11 **in the journal of the board under subsection (4) of this section;**

12 **“(e) Permitted to participate in any meeting, discussion or function**
13 **of the board, including any executive session of the board; and**

14 **“(f) Provided any information distributed to voting members of the**
15 **board.”.**

16 After line 41, insert:

17 **“SECTION 6.** ORS 341.335 is amended to read:

18 **“341.335. (1) The board shall declare the office of a board member vacant**
19 **if it finds any of the following:**

20 **“(a) The incumbent has died or resigned.**

21 **“(b) The incumbent has been removed or recalled from office or the**
22 **election of the incumbent thereto has been declared void by the judgment**
23 **of a court.**

24 **“(c) The incumbent has ceased to be a resident of the district from which**
25 **the incumbent was nominated or elected.**

26 **“(d) The incumbent has ceased to discharge the duties of office for two**
27 **consecutive months unless prevented therefrom by sickness or other una-**
28 **voidable cause or unless excused by the chairperson of the board.**

29 **“(2) A board member who is nominated or elected by zone and who**
30 **changes permanent residence from one zone of a district to another zone or**

1 who by a change in zone boundaries no longer resides in the zone of nomi-
2 nation or election is entitled to continue to serve as board member until
3 June 30 following the next regular district election at which a successor
4 shall be elected by the electors to serve for the remainder of the unexpired
5 term, if any. The successor shall take office July 1 next following the
6 election.

7 “(3) When a vacancy is declared under subsection (1) of this section, **and**
8 **the vacancy occurs not less than 90 days before the regular district**
9 **election at which that position is to be elected,** the remaining board
10 members shall meet and appoint a person to fill the vacancy from any of the
11 electors of the district **not less than 90 days after the vacancy occurs,**
12 if the position is one filled by both nomination and election at-large, and
13 otherwise from any of the electors of the zone from which the vacancy oc-
14 curs.

15 “(4) [*If the offices of a majority of the board members are vacant at the*
16 *same time,*] The governing body of the principal county shall appoint persons
17 to fill the vacancies from any of the electors of the district if the positions
18 are filled by both nomination and election at-large, and otherwise from any
19 of the electors of the zone from which the vacancy occurs **if:**

20 “(a) **The offices of a majority of the board members are vacant at**
21 **the same time; or**

22 “(b) **The remaining board members fail to appoint a person to fill**
23 **a vacancy in accordance with subsection (3) of this section. The gov-**
24 **erning body shall make an appointment under this paragraph not less**
25 **than 10 days following the failure of the board to fill a vacancy.**

26 “(5) The period of service of a board member appointed under subsection
27 (3) or (4) of this section commences upon appointment and expires June 30
28 next following the next regular district election at which a successor is
29 elected. The successor shall be elected to serve the remainder, if any, of the
30 term for which the appointment was made. If the term for which the ap-

1 pointment was made expires June 30 after the election of the successor, the
2 successor shall be elected to a full term. In either case, the successor shall
3 take office on July 1.”.

4 In line 42, delete “6” and insert “7”.

5 On page 4, line 3, delete “7” and insert “8”.

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