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Requested by Senator JAMA

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 44**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “elections” insert “; amending ORS
2 137.654, 184.612, 236.100, 246.021, 246.025, 247.002, 247.012, 247.015, 247.017,
3 247.018, 247.019, 247.025, 247.125, 247.171, 247.174, 247.176, 247.178, 247.191,
4 247.195, 247.208, 247.307, 247.420, 247.563, 249.008, 254.408, 260.569, 260.665,
5 284.883, 285A.040, 561.372 and 835.102”.

6 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

7 **“SECTION 1. ORS 137.654 is amended to read:**

8 “137.654. (1) There is established the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
9 consisting of nine members. The Governor shall appoint seven members who
10 are subject to confirmation by the Senate pursuant to section 4, Article III
11 of the Oregon Constitution. The President of the Senate shall appoint one
12 state Senator as a nonvoting member. The Speaker of the House of Repre-
13 sentatives shall appoint one state Representative as a nonvoting member.
14 Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The Governor
15 shall appoint members of the commission consistent with the following:

16 “(a) Members shall be appointed with consideration of geographic, racial,
17 ethnic and gender diversity.

18 “(b) Not more than four members may belong to the same political party.
19 Party affiliation is determined by the appropriate entry on official [*election*]
20 **voter** registration [*cards*] **applications**.

21 “(2)(a) The term of office of each member is four years or until the end

1 of a legislative member's legislative term, whichever occurs first. Before the
2 expiration of the term of a member, the appointing authority shall appoint
3 a successor whose term begins immediately upon the expiration of the term
4 of the current member. A member is eligible for reappointment but may serve
5 no more than two consecutive terms.

6 “(b) In case of a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall
7 appoint a person to fill the office for the unexpired term. When a person is
8 appointed under this paragraph, the unexpired term may not be considered
9 for purposes of the limitation to two consecutive terms of service.

10 “(3) The Governor shall appoint one of the commissioners as chairperson,
11 to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The members of the commission
12 shall elect from among themselves a vice chairperson who shall preside over
13 meetings and exercise the functions of the chairperson during absence or
14 disability of the chairperson. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall
15 execute the duties determined by the commission to be necessary.

16 “(4) The chairperson shall appoint one member, subject to the approval
17 of the commission, to serve on an executive committee with the chairperson
18 and vice chairperson. The executive committee may exercise the powers and
19 responsibilities of the commission between meetings of the commission. All
20 action taken by the executive committee not previously authorized must be
21 submitted to the commission for approval at the next regular or special
22 meeting.

23 “(5) A majority of the voting members of the commission constitutes a
24 quorum for the transaction of business.

25 “(6) The commission shall meet at least once a month, at a time and place
26 determined by the commission. The commission shall also meet at such other
27 times and places as are specified by the call of the chairperson. If a majority
28 of members, in writing, request a special meeting, the chairperson shall
29 designate a time for a special meeting as requested.

30 “(7) The Governor shall appoint an executive director for the commission

1 who shall be in the exempt service and who shall be responsible for the
2 performance of duties assigned by the commission. Subject to the State Per-
3 sonnel Relations Law, the executive director may employ appropriate staff
4 to carry out the duties assigned by the commission.

5 “(8) Members of the commission are entitled to expenses as provided in
6 ORS 292.495. Subject to the availability of funds, members of a committee
7 established under ORS 137.658 who are not commission members may be re-
8 imbursemented for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by
9 them in the performance of their official duties, subject to ORS 292.495 (2).
10 Any legislative members are entitled to payment of compensation and ex-
11 pense reimbursement under ORS 171.072, payable from funds appropriated to
12 the Legislative Assembly.

13 “(9) The commission is subject to the provisions of ORS 291.201 to 291.222
14 and 291.232 to 291.260.

15 “(10) The commission shall consult with and seek advice and counsel of
16 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the State Court Administrator
17 on any matter that impacts the operation of the courts. The Chief Justice
18 may have a representative participate in any meeting of the commission.

19 **“SECTION 2. ORS 184.612 is amended to read:**

20 “184.612. (1) There is established the Oregon Transportation Commission
21 consisting of five members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirma-
22 tion by the Senate pursuant to Article III, section 4, of the Oregon Consti-
23 tution. A member serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

24 “(2) The Governor shall appoint members of the commission in compliance
25 with all of the following:

26 “(a) Members shall be appointed with consideration of the different ge-
27 ographic regions of the state with one member being a resident of the area
28 east of the Cascade Range.

29 “(b) Not more than three members who belong to one political party.
30 Party affiliation shall be determined by the appropriate entry on official

1 [election] **voter** registration [cards] **applications**.

2 “(3) At the time of appointment, a member or a relative of a member, as
3 defined in ORS 244.020, may not have an actual conflict of interest, as de-
4 fined in ORS 244.020.

5 “(4) Notwithstanding ORS 244.120 (2), when met with a potential or actual
6 conflict of interest, as those terms are defined in ORS 244.020, a member
7 shall announce publicly the nature of the potential or actual conflict and:

8 “(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, refrain from
9 participating as a public official in any discussion or debate on the issue out
10 of which the potential or actual conflict arises or from voting on the issue.

11 “(b) If the member’s vote is necessary to meet a requirement of a mini-
12 mum number of votes to take official action, be eligible to vote, but not to
13 participate as a public official in any discussion or debate on the issue out
14 of which the potential or actual conflict arises.

15 “(5) The term of office of each member is four years. Before the expiration
16 of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term
17 begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment. In
18 case of a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill
19 the office for the unexpired term.

20 “(6) The Governor shall appoint one of the members as chairperson. The
21 chairperson shall appoint one of the other members as vice chairperson. The
22 chairperson and vice chairperson shall have such terms, duties and powers
23 as the Oregon Transportation Commission determines are necessary for the
24 performance of such offices.

25 “(7) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum.
26 If a quorum is present at a meeting, the commission may take action by an
27 affirmative vote by a majority of the members who are present. An individual
28 member may not exercise individually any administrative authority with re-
29 spect to the Department of Transportation.

30 “(8) The commission shall meet at least quarterly, at a time and place

determined by the commission. The commission shall also meet at such other times and places as are specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the commission.

“(9) A vacancy does not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of the commission, except that three members of the commission must agree in the selection, vacation or abandonment of state highways, and in case the members are unable to agree the Governor shall have the right to vote as a member of the commission.

“(10) The commission shall keep complete and accurate records of all the meetings, transactions and business of the commission at the office of the department.

“(11) The commission may provide an official seal.

“(12) The commission may hire staff the commission deems necessary to assist the commission in carrying out its duties. The staff shall be considered employees of the department for purposes of the State Personnel Relations Law under ORS chapter 240.

“(13) A member of the commission is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided by ORS 292.495.

“SECTION 3. ORS 236.100 is amended to read:

“236.100. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, whenever a vacancy occurs in any partisan elective office in this state and is to be filled by appointment, no person shall be eligible for such appointment unless the person is affiliated, as determined by the appropriate entry on the person’s official [*election*] **voter** registration [*card*] **application** with the same political party:

“(a) As that by which the elected predecessor in the office was designated on the election ballot, if the name of the predecessor was printed on the election ballot.

“(b) As that by which the elected predecessor in the office was designated on the [*elector*] **voter** registration [*card*] **application** of the predecessor on

1 the date of the election at which the predecessor was elected, if the name
2 of the predecessor was not printed on the ballot.

3 “(2) Under either of the following circumstances, a person who is other-
4 wise eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy described in subsection (1) of
5 this section may be appointed to fill the vacancy regardless of the person’s
6 affiliation or lack of affiliation with a political party:

7 “(a) If the name of the elected predecessor in the office was printed on
8 the ballot and the predecessor was not designated on the election ballot as
9 affiliated with a political party.

10 “(b) If the name of the elected predecessor in the office was not printed
11 on the ballot and the predecessor was not designated as affiliated with a
12 political party on the [elector] **voter** registration [card] **application** of the
13 predecessor on the date of the election at which the predecessor was elected.

14 “**SECTION 4.** ORS 246.021 is amended to read:

15 “246.021. (1) Except as provided in ORS 247.012 and subsection (2) of this
16 section, an election document and an accompanying payment of fees required
17 to be filed with the Secretary of State, county clerk or other filing officer
18 must be delivered to and actually received at the office of the designated
19 officer not later than 5 p.m. of the day the document or fee is due or, if the
20 day due is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, on the next business day.

21 “(2) If, at 5 p.m. of the day an election document is due, an individual is
22 physically present in the office of the secretary, county clerk or other filing
23 officer and in line waiting to deliver the document, the individual is con-
24 sidered to have begun the act of delivering the document and is permitted
25 to file it.

26 “(3) Except as provided in ORS 253.540, 253.565 and 253.690, any election
27 document required to be filed with the filing officer other than ballots, voter
28 registration [cards] **applications** or petitions requiring signatures of electors
29 may also be filed by means of an electronic facsimile transmission machine
30 or electronic mail. If an election document is required to be filed by a spec-

1 ified time, the entire document must be received at the office of the filing
2 officer not later than 5 p.m. of the day the document is due or, if the day
3 due is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, on the next business day.

4 “(4) Notwithstanding any provision of subsections (1) to (3) of this sec-
5 tion, if a statement is required to be filed electronically under ORS 260.057:

6 “(a) The statement must be received electronically at the office of the
7 Secretary of State not later than 11:59 p.m. of the day the statement is due
8 or, if the day due is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, on the next business day;
9 and

10 “(b) The Secretary of State may not accept the filing of the statement in
11 any form other than an electronic format.

12 “(5) As used in this section, ‘election document’ includes, but is not lim-
13 ited to, a declaration of candidacy for nomination for public or political
14 party office, completed nominating petitions, statements and portraits for
15 voters’ pamphlets, statements of election campaign contributions and ex-
16 penditures, and initiative, referendum or recall petitions.

17 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 246.025 is amended to read:

18 “246.025. (1) A person with a disability who is unable because of the dis-
19 ability to sign any election document, including a voter registration [*card*]
20 **application** or ballot return envelope, may use a signature stamp or other
21 indicator of the person’s signature, as specified by the Secretary of State by
22 rule, whenever the signature of the person is required under any election
23 law.

24 “(2) A person who desires to use a signature stamp or other indicator of
25 the person’s signature as described in subsection (1) of this section shall at-
26 test that the person needs to use the stamp or indicator due to a disability.
27 The attestation shall be made at the time the person registers to vote or
28 updates a registration and shall be made on a form designed and supplied
29 by the Secretary of State.

30 **“SECTION 6.** ORS 247.002 is amended to read:

1 “247.002. As used in this chapter:

2 “(1) ‘County clerk’ means the county clerk or the county official in charge
3 of elections.

4 “(2) ‘Elector’ means an individual qualified to vote under Article II, sec-
5 tion 2, Oregon Constitution.

6 “(3) ‘Registration [*card*] **application**’ means a state voter registration
7 [*card*] **application** approved by the Secretary of State under ORS 247.171, a
8 federal voter registration application form prescribed by the Federal Election
9 Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L.
10 103-31) or an electronic record containing an individual’s legal name, age,
11 residence and citizenship information and electronic signature submitted to
12 the Department of Transportation in the manner described in ORS 247.017.

13 **“SECTION 7.** ORS 247.002, as amended by section 3, chapter 492, Oregon
14 Laws 2023, is amended to read:

15 “247.002. As used in this chapter:

16 “(1) ‘County clerk’ means the county clerk or the county official in charge
17 of elections.

18 “(2) ‘Elector’ means an individual qualified to vote under Article II, sec-
19 tion 2, Oregon Constitution.

20 “(3) ‘Registration [*card*] **application**’ means:

21 “(a) A state voter registration [*card*] **application** approved by the Secre-
22 tary of State under ORS 247.171;

23 “(b) A federal voter registration application form prescribed by the Fed-
24 eral Election Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act
25 of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

26 “(c) An electronic record containing an individual’s legal name, age, res-
27 idence and citizenship information and electronic signature submitted to the
28 Department of Transportation in the manner described in ORS 247.017; or

29 “(d) An electronic record containing an individual’s legal name, age, res-
30 idence and citizenship information submitted to the Oregon Health Authority

1 in the manner described in ORS 247.018.

2 **“SECTION 8.** ORS 247.012 is amended to read:

3 “247.012. (1) A qualified person may register to vote or update a regis-
4 tration to vote by:

5 “(a) Delivering by mail, having a person deliver or otherwise delivering
6 a completed registration [card] **application** to any county clerk, the Secre-
7 tary of State, any office of the Department of Transportation or any desig-
8 nated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208;

9 “(b) Personally delivering, or having a person deliver, the [card] **appli-**
10 **cation** to an official designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of
11 this section;

12 “(c) Submitting the person’s legal name, age, residence and citizenship
13 information and electronic signature to the Department of Transportation;
14 or

15 “(d) Completing a registration [card] **application** using the electronic
16 voter registration system described in ORS 247.019.

17 “(2) If a registration [card] **application** is mailed or delivered to:

18 “(a) Any person other than a county clerk or the Secretary of State, the
19 person shall forward the [card] **application** to a county clerk or the Secre-
20 tary of State not later than the fifth day after receiving the [card] **applica-**
21 **tion**; or

22 “(b) The Secretary of State or a county clerk for a county other than the
23 county in which the person applying for registration resides, the Secretary
24 of State or county clerk shall forward the [card] **application** to the county
25 clerk for the county in which the person resides not later than the fifth day
26 after receiving the [card] **application**.

27 “(3) Registration of a qualified person occurs:

28 “(a) When a legible, accurate and complete registration [card] **applica-**
29 **tion** is received in the office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary
30 of State, an office of the Department of Transportation, a designated voter

1 registration agency under ORS 247.208 or at a location designated by a
2 county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

3 “(b) On the date a registration [*card*] **application** is postmarked if the
4 [*card*] **application** is received after the 21st day immediately preceding an
5 election but is postmarked not later than the 21st day immediately preceding
6 the election and is addressed to an office of any county clerk, the Office of
7 the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation or any
8 designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208; or

9 “(c) In the case of a registration [*card*] **application** missing a date of
10 birth, containing an incomplete date of birth or containing an unintentional
11 scrivener’s error that is supplied or corrected as described in subsection (4)
12 or (6) of this section, on the date that registration would have occurred if
13 the registration [*card*] **application** had not been missing the date of birth,
14 contained an incomplete date of birth or contained the scrivener’s error.

15 “(4)(a) Except as provided in ORS 247.125, if a registration [*card*] **appli-**
16 **cation** is legible, accurate and contains, at a minimum, the registrant’s
17 name, residence address, date of birth and signature, the county clerk shall
18 register the person.

19 “(b) If the information required under paragraph (a) of this subsection is
20 missing from the registration [*card*] **application** or the date of birth is in-
21 complete, the county clerk shall attempt to obtain the missing or incomplete
22 information from all sources available to the county clerk, including but not
23 limited to current and previous addresses and phone numbers of the regis-
24 trant. The county clerk may also supply the registrant’s date of birth from
25 any previous registration of the registrant. If the missing or incomplete in-
26 formation cannot be obtained from sources available to the county clerk, the
27 county clerk shall use reasonable efforts to contact the registrant by phone,
28 mail and electronic mail to obtain the missing or incomplete information.

29 “(5) If a registration [*card*] **application** meets the requirements of sub-
30 section (4) of this section but is missing an indication of political party af-

filiation, the registrant shall be considered not affiliated with any political party. This subsection does not apply if an elector is updating a registration.

“(6) If a registration [card] **application** contains an unintentional scrivener’s error, the county clerk may attempt to contact the person to correct the error.

“(7) A county clerk may appoint officials to accept registration of persons at designated locations. The appointments and locations shall be in writing and filed in the office of the county clerk. The county clerk shall be responsible for the performance of duties by those appointed.

“(8) A registration [card] **application** received and accepted under this section shall be considered an active registration.

“(9) A registration may be updated at any time.

“SECTION 9. ORS 247.012, as amended by section 4, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023, is amended to read:

“247.012. (1) A qualified person may register to vote or update a registration to vote by:

“(a) Delivering by mail, having a person deliver or otherwise delivering a completed registration [card] **application** to any county clerk, the Secretary of State, any office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208;

“(b) Personally delivering, or having a person deliver, the [card] **application** to an official designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

“(c) Submitting the person’s legal name, age, residence and citizenship information and electronic signature to the Department of Transportation;

“(d) Submitting the person’s legal name, age, residence and citizenship information to the Oregon Health Authority for use in the Oregon Health Plan; or

“(e) Completing a registration [card] **application** using the electronic voter registration system described in ORS 247.019.

1 “(2) If a registration [card] **application** is mailed or delivered to:

2 “(a) Any person other than a county clerk or the Secretary of State, the
3 person shall forward the [card] **application** to a county clerk or the Secre-
4 tary of State not later than the fifth day after receiving the [card] **applica-**
5 **tion**; or

6 “(b) The Secretary of State or a county clerk for a county other than the
7 county in which the person applying for registration resides, the Secretary
8 of State or county clerk shall forward the [card] **application** to the county
9 clerk for the county in which the person resides not later than the fifth day
10 after receiving the [card] **application**.

11 “(3) Registration of a qualified person occurs:

12 “(a) When a legible, accurate and complete registration [card] **applica-**
13 **tion** is received in the office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary
14 of State, an office of the Department of Transportation, a designated voter
15 registration agency under ORS 247.208 or at a location designated by a
16 county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

17 “(b) On the date a registration [card] **application** is postmarked if the
18 [card] **application** is received after the 21st day immediately preceding an
19 election but is postmarked not later than the 21st day immediately preceding
20 the election and is addressed to an office of any county clerk, the Office of
21 the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation or any
22 designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208; or

23 “(c) In the case of a registration [card] **application** missing a date of
24 birth, containing an incomplete date of birth or containing an unintentional
25 scrivener’s error that is supplied or corrected as described in subsection (4)
26 or (6) of this section, on the date that registration would have occurred if
27 the registration [card] **application** had not been missing the date of birth,
28 contained an incomplete date of birth or contained the scrivener’s error.

29 “(4)(a)(A) Except as provided in ORS 247.125, if a registration [card] **ap-**
30 **plication** is legible, accurate and contains, at a minimum, the registrant’s

1 name, residence address, date of birth and signature, the county clerk shall
2 register the person.

3 “(B) The county clerk shall register a person pursuant to ORS 247.018,
4 regardless of whether the person’s registration [*card*] **application** contains
5 a signature, if the person’s registration [*card*] **application** is legible, accu-
6 rate and contains, at a minimum, the registrant’s name, residence address
7 and date of birth.

8 “(b) If the information required under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection
9 is missing from the registration [*card*] **application** or the date of birth is
10 incomplete, or if the signature of a person described in paragraph (a)(B) of
11 this subsection has not been submitted, the county clerk shall attempt to
12 obtain the missing or incomplete information from all sources available to
13 the county clerk, including but not limited to current and previous addresses
14 and phone numbers of the registrant. The county clerk may also supply the
15 registrant’s date of birth from any previous registration of the registrant. If
16 the missing or incomplete information cannot be obtained from sources
17 available to the county clerk, the county clerk shall use reasonable efforts
18 to contact the registrant by phone, mail and electronic mail to obtain the
19 missing or incomplete information.

20 “(5) If a registration [*card*] **application** meets the requirements of sub-
21 section (4) of this section but is missing an indication of political party af-
22 filiation, the registrant shall be considered not affiliated with any political
23 party. This subsection does not apply if an elector is updating a registration.

24 “(6) If a registration [*card*] **application** contains an unintentional
25 scrivener’s error, the county clerk may attempt to contact the person to
26 correct the error.

27 “(7) A county clerk may appoint officials to accept registration of persons
28 at designated locations. The appointments and locations shall be in writing
29 and filed in the office of the county clerk. The county clerk shall be re-
30 sponsible for the performance of duties by those appointed.

1 “(8) A registration [*card*] **application** received and accepted under this
2 section shall be considered an active registration.

3 “(9) A registration may be updated at any time.

4 “**SECTION 10.** ORS 247.015 is amended to read:

5 “247.015. (1) A qualified person absent from the state may register by
6 mailing to the county clerk for the county in which the person resides a
7 completed registration [*card*] **application** or a signed statement containing
8 the information required on a registration [*card*] **application**.

9 “(2) On written request from a qualified person who by physical incapac-
10 ity cannot register in the office of the county clerk, the county clerk of the
11 county in which the person resides shall send the person a registration
12 [*card*] **application** or register the person at the person’s residence.

13 “(3) An otherwise qualified person who will become a United States citi-
14 zen after the 21st calendar day immediately preceding an election may reg-
15 ister before the 20th day before the election. The county clerk of the county
16 in which the person resides shall cancel the person’s registration before the
17 election unless the person appears before the county clerk and provides evi-
18 dence of citizenship.

19 “**SECTION 11.** ORS 247.017 is amended to read:

20 “247.017. (1) The Secretary of State shall by rule establish a schedule by
21 which the Department of Transportation shall provide to the secretary elec-
22 tronic records containing the legal name, age, residence and citizenship in-
23 formation for, and the electronic signature of, each person who meets
24 qualifications identified by the secretary by rule.

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

30 “(a) Decline being registered as an elector.

1 “(b) Adopt a political party affiliation.

2 “(3) If a person notified under subsection (2) of this section does not de-
3 cline to be registered as an elector within 21 calendar days after the Secre-
4 tary of State or county clerk issues the notification, the person’s electronic
5 record and electronic signature submitted under subsection (1) of this section
6 will constitute a completed registration [*card*] **application** for the person for
7 purposes of this chapter. The person shall be registered to vote if the county
8 clerk determines that the person is qualified to vote under Article II, section
9 2, of the Oregon Constitution, and the person is not already registered to
10 vote.

11 “(4) A county clerk may not send a ballot to, or add to an elector regis-
12 tration list, a person who meets eligibility requirements until at least 21
13 calendar days after the Secretary of State or county clerk provided notifica-
14 tion to the person as described in subsection (2) of this section.

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

21 “(6) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules required to implement sub-
22 sections (1) to (4) of this section.

23 **“SECTION 12.** ORS 247.018 is amended to read:

24 “247.018. (1)(a) Subject to compliance with all applicable federal laws and
25 regulations, the Secretary of State shall by rule establish a schedule by
26 which the Oregon Health Authority shall provide to the secretary electronic
27 records, derived from information provided to the Oregon Health Plan, con-
28 taining the legal name, age, residence and citizenship information for, and,
29 if any, the electronic signature of, each person who is eligible to be a qual-
30 ified elector under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution.

1 “(b) The secretary shall establish by rule, after consultation with the
2 authority, what electronic records establish whether a person is eligible to
3 be a qualified elector for purposes of this subsection.

4 “(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the authority may
5 not provide to the secretary any electronic records for a person who is not
6 a citizen of the United States.

7 “(2) When establishing a schedule under subsection (1) of this section, the
8 secretary may adopt rules governing the format and frequency of data
9 transfer. Any rules adopted under this subsection:

10 “(a) Are subject to input and public comment, including comment from
11 the authority; and

12 “(b) May come into effect only after the secretary and authority test and
13 verify the data transfer processes.

14 “(3) The secretary:

15 “(a) Shall by rule develop a process to obtain an electronic signature from
16 the Department of Transportation for each person described in subsection (1)
17 of this section for whom the authority does not provide an electronic signa-
18 ture under this section; and

19 “(b) May use an electronic signature that is obtained under paragraph (a)
20 of this subsection or that is otherwise in the secretary’s possession, for the
21 purpose of registering electors to vote under this section.

22 “(4) Upon receiving the electronic record for a person described in sub-
23 section (1) of this section, the secretary shall provide the information to the
24 county clerk of the county in which the person may be registered as an
25 elector. The secretary or county clerk shall notify each person of the process
26 to:

27 “(a) Decline being registered as an elector;

28 “(b) Adopt a political party affiliation; and

29 “(c) Provide a signature if no signature was provided under subsection (1)
30 of this section and the secretary does not have a copy of the signature and

1 is unable to obtain an electronic copy of the signature from the Department
2 of Transportation under subsection (3) of this section.

3 “(5) Notwithstanding the absence of any signature, if a person notified
4 under subsection (4) of this section does not decline to be registered as an
5 elector within 21 calendar days after the secretary or county clerk issues the
6 notification, the person’s electronic record submitted to the county clerk
7 under subsection (4) of this section will constitute a completed registration
8 [card] **application** for the person for purposes of this chapter. The person
9 shall be registered to vote if the county clerk determines that the person is
10 qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution, and
11 the person is not already registered to vote.

12 “(6) A county clerk may not send a ballot to, or add to an elector regis-
13 tration list, a person who is determined under subsection (5) of this section
14 to be qualified to vote, and who is not already registered to vote, until at
15 least 21 calendar days after the secretary or county clerk provided notifica-
16 tion to the person as described in subsection (4) of this section.

17 “(7) The transfer of personal information and data by the authority or
18 department to the secretary under this section is limited to the information
19 and data that is necessary to register electors. Information and data trans-
20 ferred to the secretary under this section may be used only for the purpose
21 of registering electors.

22 “(8) The secretary shall adopt rules required to implement this section,
23 including rules to ensure that no ballot is counted for a person registered
24 to vote under this section whose registration record does not contain an
25 electronic signature.

26 “(9) As used in this section, ‘electronic signature’ means an electronic
27 form of a handwritten signature that can be verified, in the manner described
28 in ORS 254.470 (11), for the purpose of tallying ballots.

29 **“SECTION 13.** ORS 247.019 is amended to read:

30 “247.019. (1) The Secretary of State by rule shall adopt an electronic voter

1 registration system to be used by qualified persons who have a valid:

2 “(a) Oregon driver license, as defined in ORS 801.245;

3 “(b) Oregon driver permit, as defined in ORS 801.250;

4 “(c) State identification card, issued under ORS 807.400; or

5 “(d) Social Security number.

6 “(2)(a) The electronic voter registration system shall:

7 “(A) Require a person registering to vote under subsection (1)(d) of this
8 section to enter only the final four digits of the person’s valid Social Secu-
9 rity number;

10 “(B) Allow a person registering to vote under subsection (1)(d) of this
11 section to electronically submit an image of the person’s signature; and

12 “(C) Allow a qualified person to complete and deliver a registration
13 [card] **application** electronically.

14 “(b) A registration [card] **application** delivered under this section is
15 considered delivered to the Secretary of State for purposes of this chapter.

16 “(3) A person who completes a registration [card] **application** electron-
17 ically under this section consents to the use of the person’s driver license,
18 driver permit or state identification card signature, or an electronically
19 submitted image of the person’s signature, for voter registration purposes.

20 “(4) If available, the Department of Transportation shall provide to the
21 Secretary of State a digital copy of the driver license, driver permit or state
22 identification card signature of each person who completes a registration
23 [card] **application** under this section.

24 “(5) The electronic voter registration system may also include an appli-
25 cation programming interface to allow third-party organizations to securely
26 submit registration [cards] **applications** electronically on behalf of individ-
27 uals. In order to submit registration [cards] **applications** under this sub-
28 section, a third-party organization must be approved as a voter registration
29 organization under a process designed by the Secretary of State by rule.

30 “**SECTION 14.** ORS 247.019, as amended by section 8, chapter 492, Oregon

Laws 2023, is amended to read:

“247.019. (1) The Secretary of State by rule shall adopt an electronic voter registration system to be used by qualified persons who have a valid:

“(a) Oregon driver license, as defined in ORS 801.245;

“(b) Oregon driver permit, as defined in ORS 801.250;

“(c) State identification card, issued under ORS 807.400; or

“(d) Social Security number.

“(2)(a) The electronic voter registration system shall:

“(A) Require a person registering to vote under subsection (1)(d) of this section to enter only the final four digits of the person’s valid Social Security number;

“(B) Allow a person to electronically submit an image of the person’s signature; and

“(C) Allow a qualified person to complete and deliver a registration [card] **application** electronically.

“(b) A registration [card] **application** delivered under this section is considered delivered to the Secretary of State for purposes of this chapter.

“(3) A person who completes a registration [card] **application** electronically under this section consents to the use of the person’s driver license, driver permit or state identification card signature, or an electronically submitted image of the person’s signature, for voter registration purposes.

“(4) If available, the Department of Transportation shall provide to the Secretary of State a digital copy of the driver license, driver permit or state identification card signature of each person who completes a registration [card] **application** under this section.

“(5) The electronic voter registration system may also include an application programming interface to allow third-party organizations to securely submit registration [cards] **applications** electronically on behalf of individuals. In order to submit registration [cards] **applications** under this subsection, a third-party organization must be approved as a voter registration

organization under a process designed by the Secretary of State by rule.

“SECTION 15. ORS 247.025 is amended to read:

“247.025. To vote in an election:

“(1) A person’s registration [*card*] **application** must be received at an office or location described in ORS 247.012 not later than the time the office or location closes for business on the 21st day immediately preceding the election, but in no case later than midnight of the 21st day immediately preceding the election;

“(2) A person’s registration [*card*] **application** must be postmarked not later than the 21st day immediately preceding the election and be addressed to an office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208; or

“(3) A person’s registration [*card*] **application** must be delivered electronically as described in ORS 247.019 not later than 11:59 p.m. of the 21st day immediately preceding the election.

“SECTION 16. ORS 247.125 is amended to read:

“247.125. (1) A person may not alter any information supplied on a registration [*card*] **application** except:

“(a) An elections officer in the performance of official duties.

“(b) The person who supplies the information on the registration [*card*] **application** for the purpose of registering to vote.

“(2) A county clerk may not register a person who alters any information printed on a registration [*card*] **application** regarding:

“(a) The indication that the person is a citizen of the United States; or

“(b) The signature statement in which the person attests to the person’s qualifications as an elector and the information supplied on the voter registration [*card*] **application**.

“SECTION 17. ORS 247.171 is amended to read:

“247.171. (1) Except as provided in this subsection, the Secretary of State

1 shall design, prepare and distribute state voter registration [*cards*] **applica-**
2 **tions**. The Secretary of State shall also distribute federal **voter** registration
3 [*cards*] **applications**. Any person may apply in writing to the Secretary of
4 State for permission to print, copy or otherwise prepare and distribute the
5 registration [*cards*] **applications** designed by the Secretary of State. The
6 secretary may revoke any permission granted under this subsection at any
7 time. All registration [*cards*] **applications** shall be distributed to the public
8 without charge.

9 “(2) The Secretary of State shall approve any voter registration applica-
10 tion form developed for use by any agency designated as a voter registration
11 agency under ORS 247.208.

12 “(3) Each voter registration [*card*] **application** designed or approved by
13 the Secretary of State shall describe the penalties for knowingly supplying
14 false information on the registration [*card*] **application** and shall contain
15 space for a person to provide the following information:

16 “(a) Full name;

17 “(b) Residence address, mailing address or any other information neces-
18 sary to locate the residence of the person offering to register to vote;

19 “(c) The name of the political party with which the person is affiliated,
20 if any;

21 “(d) Date of birth;

22 “(e) An indication that the person is a citizen of the United States; and

23 “(f) A signature attesting to the fact that the person is qualified to be an
24 elector.

25 “(4) Any form containing a voter registration [*card*] **application** may also
26 include space for a person to provide:

27 “(a) A telephone number where the person may be contacted; and

28 “(b) If previously registered to vote in this state, the name then supplied
29 by the person and the county and, if known, the address of previous regis-
30 tration.

1 “(5) A person shall not supply any information under subsection (3) or (4)
2 of this section knowing it to be false.

3 “(6) A county clerk or other person accepting registration [*cards*] **appli-**
4 **cations** shall not request any information unless it is authorized by state
5 or federal law.

6 “(7) A person shall attest to the information supplied on the voter regis-
7 tration [*card*] **application** by signing the completed registration [*card*] **ap-**
8 **plication**.

9 “(8) Any completed and signed registration [*card*] **application** described
10 in subsection (3) of this section shall be the official registration [*card*] **ap-**
11 **plication** of the elector.

12 **“SECTION 18.** ORS 247.171, as amended by section 7, chapter 492, Oregon
13 Laws 2023, is amended to read:

14 “247.171. (1) Except as provided in this subsection, the Secretary of State
15 shall design, prepare and distribute state voter registration [*cards*] **applica-**
16 **tions**. The Secretary of State shall also distribute federal **voter** registration
17 [*cards*] **applications**. Any person may apply in writing to the Secretary of
18 State for permission to print, copy or otherwise prepare and distribute the
19 registration [*cards*] **applications** designed by the Secretary of State. The
20 secretary may revoke any permission granted under this subsection at any
21 time. All registration [*cards*] **applications** shall be distributed to the public
22 without charge.

23 “(2) The Secretary of State shall approve any voter registration applica-
24 tion form developed for use by any agency designated as a voter registration
25 agency under ORS 247.208.

26 “(3) Each voter registration [*card*] **application** designed or approved by
27 the Secretary of State shall describe the penalties for knowingly supplying
28 false information on the registration [*card*] **application** and shall contain
29 space for a person to provide the following information:

30 “(a) Full name;

1 “(b) Residence address, mailing address or any other information neces-
2 sary to locate the residence of the person offering to register to vote;

3 “(c) The name of the political party with which the person is affiliated,
4 if any;

5 “(d) Date of birth;

6 “(e) An indication that the person is a citizen of the United States; and

7 “(f) Except as provided in ORS 247.018, a signature attesting to the fact
8 that the person is qualified to be an elector.

9 “(4) Any form containing a voter registration [*card*] **application** may also
10 include space for a person to provide:

11 “(a) A telephone number where the person may be contacted; and

12 “(b) If previously registered to vote in this state, the name then supplied
13 by the person and the county and, if known, the address of previous regis-
14 tration.

15 “(5) A person shall not supply any information under subsection (3) or (4)
16 of this section knowing it to be false.

17 “(6) A county clerk or other person accepting registration [*cards*] **appli-**
18 **cations** shall not request any information unless it is authorized by state
19 or federal law.

20 “(7) Except as provided in ORS 247.018, a person shall attest to the in-
21 formation supplied on the voter registration [*card*] **application** by signing
22 the completed registration [*card*] **application**.

23 “(8) Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, any completed
24 and signed registration [*card*] **application** described in subsection (3) of this
25 section shall be the official registration [*card*] **application** of the elector.

26 “**SECTION 19.** ORS 247.174 is amended to read:

27 “247.174. (1) The qualifications of any person who requests to be regis-
28 tered or to update a registration shall be determined in the first instance by
29 the county clerk or official designated by the county clerk to register persons
30 as electors from the evidence present.

1 “(2) The county clerk or official designated by the county clerk to register
2 persons as electors may reject any registration or update of a registration
3 if the clerk or official determines that the person is not qualified or that the
4 registration [*card*] **application** is illegible, inaccurate or incomplete. The
5 clerk or official shall promptly notify the person of the rejection.

6 “(3) A person whose registration or update to a registration is rejected
7 may apply to the county clerk not later than the 10th day after the rejection
8 for a hearing on the person’s qualifications to register or update the regis-
9 tration. Not later than the 10th day after the date the county clerk receives
10 the application, the clerk shall notify the applicant of the place and time of
11 the hearing on the qualifications. The hearing shall be held not sooner than
12 the second nor later than the 20th day after notice is given. At the hearing
13 the applicant may present evidence of qualification. If the county clerk, upon
14 the conclusion of the hearing, determines that the applicant is qualified, the
15 county clerk shall register or update the registration of the applicant.

16 **“SECTION 20.** ORS 247.176, as amended by section 5, chapter 56, Oregon
17 Laws 2024, is amended to read:

18 “247.176. (1) During the period extending from the 250th day before the
19 primary election to the date of the primary election and the period extending
20 from the day after the primary election to the 250th day before the next
21 primary election:

22 “(a) Any person may request delivery from the Secretary of State of not
23 more than an aggregate total of 500 registration [*cards*] **applications** pre-
24 pared under ORS 247.171; and

25 “(b) Upon receiving a request under this subsection, the Secretary of
26 State shall deliver to the person the number of registration [*cards*] **applica-**
27 **tions** requested that does not exceed an aggregate total of 500, along with
28 a registration [*card*] **application** in electronic form that may be used by the
29 person to print additional registration [*cards*] **applications**.

30 “(2) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules describing when the Secre-

1 tary of State will honor requests for delivery of more than 500 registration
2 [cards] **applications** prepared under ORS 247.171.

3 **“SECTION 21.** ORS 247.178 is amended to read:

4 “247.178. Any person may distribute a registration [card] **application** in
5 any reasonable manner that facilitates elector registration, including but not
6 limited to distribution of the [card] **application** door to door. The [card]
7 **application** shall be available at any field office of the Department of
8 Transportation where applications for driver licenses or vehicle registrations
9 are accepted and at any office of an agency designated a voter registration
10 agency under ORS 247.208.

11 **“SECTION 22.** ORS 247.191 is amended to read:

12 “247.191. When changes in the boundaries of a precinct are made, the
13 county clerk may alter the registration [card] **application** of an elector to
14 conform with the change, and may issue by nonforwardable mail a written
15 notice of the change and a new voter notification card to the elector. This
16 requirement does not apply to a change of precincts for special district or
17 special elections.

18 **“SECTION 23.** ORS 247.195 is amended to read:

19 “247.195. (1) The county clerk, at any time, may inquire into the validity
20 of the registration of any elector. The county clerk shall mail a written
21 statement to the elector that describes the nature of the inquiry and provides
22 a suitable form for reply.

23 “(2) Not later than the 20th day after the date of mailing of the statement,
24 the elector, in writing, may state that the information on the registration
25 [card] **application** is correct or may request a change in the information on
26 the [card] **application**. Upon receipt of the statement or request, the county
27 clerk shall determine whether the information satisfies the inquiry. If the
28 county clerk determines that the inquiry has not been satisfied, the county
29 clerk shall schedule a hearing and shall notify the elector of the place and
30 time of the hearing. The hearing shall be held not sooner than the second

1 nor later than the 20th day after notice is given. At the hearing, the elector
2 may present evidence of qualification. If the county clerk, upon the conclu-
3 sion of the hearing, determines that the elector's registration is not valid,
4 the county clerk shall cancel the registration.

5 **"SECTION 24.** ORS 247.208 is amended to read:

6 "247.208. (1) The Secretary of State by rule, in accordance with the re-
7 quirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31), shall
8 designate agencies as voter registration agencies. Agencies designated may
9 include state, county, city or district offices and federal and nongovern-
10 mental offices with the agreement of the federal or nongovernmental offices.

11 "(2) Services required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993
12 (P.L. 103-31) shall be made available in connection with any registration
13 [card] **application** at each voter registration agency designated by the Sec-
14 retary of State.

15 "(3) A person providing services referred to in subsection (2) of this sec-
16 tion at a voter registration agency shall not:

17 "(a) Seek to influence the political preference or party registration of a
18 person registering to vote;

19 "(b) In accordance with provisions of the Oregon Constitution, display
20 such political preference or party allegiance;

21 "(c) Make any statement to a person registering to vote or take any
22 action the purpose or effect of which is to discourage a person from regis-
23 tering to vote;

24 "(d) Make any statement to a person registering to vote or take any
25 action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the person to believe that a
26 decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of
27 services or benefits; or

28 "(e) Seek to induce any person to register or vote in any particular
29 manner.

30 "(4) Each state agency required to be designated a voter registration

1 agency under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31) shall,
2 with each application for service or assistance and with each recertification,
3 renewal or change of address form relating to the service or assistance:

4 “(a) Distribute a registration [card] **application**, including all statements
5 required under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31); and

6 “(b) Provide a form including other information required by the National
7 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31).

8 “(5) Information relating to a declination to register to vote in connection
9 with an application made at an office described in subsection (4) of this
10 section shall not be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

11 “(6) A completed registration [card] **application** accepted at a voter reg-
12 istration agency designated under this section shall be delivered to a county
13 clerk or the Secretary of State.

14 “(7) At least once each biennium, the Secretary of State shall:

15 “(a) Assess new and developing federal guidelines regarding compliance
16 with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

17 “(b) Identify steps necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with the Na-
18 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

19 “(c) Identify barriers to and research opportunities for ensuring the ac-
20 curacy, security and efficiency of current voter registration processes at
21 voter registration agencies designated under this section; and

22 “(d) Identify ways to improve use of current technology.

23 **“SECTION 25.** ORS 247.307 is amended to read:

24 “247.307. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, if the
25 county clerk receives information updating the registration of an elector af-
26 ter the deadline in ORS 247.025:

27 “(a) The county clerk shall issue a ballot to the elector if the elector’s
28 registration was inactive prior to updating; or

29 “(b) The county clerk shall issue a replacement ballot upon request from
30 the elector if the elector’s registration was active prior to updating.

1 “(2) If the county clerk receives a registration [*card*] **application** updat-
2 ing an elector’s residence or mailing address after the deadline in ORS
3 247.025, the county clerk shall reissue a ballot to the elector if the elector’s
4 registration was active prior to updating.

5 “(3)(a) If the county clerk is required to reissue a ballot under subsection
6 (2) of this section, the county clerk shall:

7 “(A) Verify the registration of the elector and ensure that another ballot
8 has not been returned by the elector;

9 “(B) Mark the return identification envelope clearly so that it may be
10 readily identified as a reissued ballot; and

11 “(C) Reissue the ballot by mail or other means.

12 “(b) A ballot reissued under this section must be received at the office
13 of the county clerk, a place of deposit designated by the county clerk or any
14 location described in ORS 254.472 or 254.474 not later than the end of the
15 period determined under ORS 254.470 (1) on the date of the election. Upon
16 receiving a voted ballot reissued under this section, the county clerk shall
17 process the ballot.

18 “(4) Ballots issued under this section need not be mailed to electors after
19 the fifth day before the date of the election and may be obtained by the
20 elector in person from the county clerk up until and including the date of
21 the election.

22 “**SECTION 26.** ORS 247.420 is amended to read:

23 “247.420. (1) A county clerk shall give a ballot marked ‘Federal only’ to
24 any person eligible under ORS 247.410 who personally appears in the office
25 of the county clerk, completes a registration [*card*] **application** and verifies
26 eligibility to vote under ORS 247.410.

27 “(2) No person shall supply any information under subsection (1) of this
28 section, knowing it to be false.

29 “**SECTION 27.** ORS 247.563 is amended to read:

30 “247.563. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section and ORS

1 247.555, whenever it appears to the county clerk that an elector needs to
2 update the elector's registration or that the elector has changed residence
3 address to another county, the county clerk shall mail a notice to the elec-
4 tor.

5 “(2) The notice shall be sent by forwardable mail and shall include a
6 postage prepaid, preaddressed return card on which the elector may state the
7 elector's current residence and mailing address. The notice shall advise the
8 elector that:

9 “(a) The elector should return the card promptly;

10 “(b) If the card is not returned by the 21st calendar day immediately
11 preceding an election, the elector may be required to complete a new regis-
12 tration [*card*] **application** in order to vote in an election; and

13 “(c) The elector's registration will be canceled if the elector neither votes
14 nor updates the registration before two general elections have been held.

15 “(3) When the county clerk mails a notice under this section, the regis-
16 tration of the elector shall be considered inactive until the elector updates
17 the registration, the registration is canceled or the clerk determines that the
18 registration should be considered active.

19 “(4) This section does not apply when the county clerk receives written
20 evidence from the elector or another county clerk indicating a change of
21 residence or mailing address or from the United States Postal Service indi-
22 cating a change of residence address and the registration of the elector is
23 automatically updated by the county clerk under any provision of this
24 chapter.

25 **“SECTION 28.** ORS 249.008 is amended to read:

26 “249.008. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, before a
27 nominating petition, minutes of an assembly of electors or petition by indi-
28 vidual electors is offered for filing, the county clerk of each county in which
29 the signatures were secured or the Secretary of State shall compare the sig-
30 natures of electors on the petition or minutes with the signatures of the

electors on the [*elector registration cards*] **voter registration applications**.

Any petition or minutes submitted for verification under this section shall contain only original signatures. The county clerk or the secretary shall attach to the petition or minutes a certificate stating the number of signatures believed to be genuine. The certificate is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in it. A signature not included in the number certified to be genuine shall not be counted by the officer with whom the petition is filed. No signature in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be counted.

“(2) If the total number of signatures presented to a county clerk or the Secretary of State for verification is 15,000 or more, the county clerk or secretary may use a statistical sampling technique authorized by the secretary to verify the signatures. The sample shall be drawn from at least 100 percent of the number of signatures required for nomination.

“(3) After signatures of electors on a nominating petition, minutes of an assembly of electors or petition by individual electors are submitted for verification, no elector who signed the petition or minutes may remove the signature of the elector from the petition or minutes.

“(4) The Secretary of State by rule shall establish procedures for verifying whether a petition submitted under this section contains the required number of signatures of electors.

“SECTION 29. ORS 254.408 is amended to read:

“254.408. (1) A person offering to vote and who claims to be an elector, but for whom no evidence of active or inactive registration can be found, shall be granted the right to vote in the manner provided in this section.

“(2) Whenever an elector updates a registration at a county clerk’s office after the ballots have been mailed under ORS 254.470, the elector shall vote in that election in the manner provided in this section.

“(3) An elector voting under this section shall complete and sign a **voter registration [*card*] application**.

“(4)(a)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the

1 elector shall insert the ballot into a small envelope provided by the county
2 clerk and then insert the small envelope into a larger envelope. The larger
3 envelope shall be delivered to the county clerk and shall be segregated and
4 not counted until the registration of the elector is verified under this sec-
5 tion.

6 “(B) The county clerk shall inform the elector of any alterations to the
7 process described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph that are necessary
8 if the Secretary of State has approved a procedure under ORS 254.458 to be
9 used in lieu of the envelope procedures.

10 “(b) An envelope provided under this subsection must comply with the
11 prohibitions set forth in ORS 254.470 (13).

12 “(5) The county clerk shall determine if the elector is validly registered
13 to vote and if the vote was properly cast. The ballot shall be counted only
14 if the county clerk determines the registration of the elector is considered
15 active or inactive.

16 “(6) A vote shall be counted only if the elector is qualified to vote for the
17 particular office or on the measure.

18 “**SECTION 30.** ORS 260.569 is amended to read:

19 “260.569. A person may not pay or receive money or another thing of
20 value based on the number of:

21 “(1) Signatures a person obtains for purposes of nominating a candidate
22 for elective public office; or

23 “(2) Signed voter registration [*cards*] **applications** a person collects.

24 “**SECTION 31.** ORS 260.665 is amended to read:

25 “260.665. (1) As used in this section, ‘undue influence’ means force, vi-
26 olence, restraint or the threat of it, inflicting injury, damage, harm, loss of
27 employment or other loss or the threat of it, or giving or promising to give
28 money, employment or other thing of value.

29 “(2) A person, acting either alone or with or through any other person,
30 may not directly or indirectly subject any person to undue influence with the

1 intent to induce any person to:

2 “(a) Register or vote;

3 “(b) Refrain from registering or voting;

4 “(c) Register or vote in any particular manner;

5 “(d) Be or refrain from or cease being a candidate;

6 “(e) Contribute or refrain from contributing to any candidate, political

7 party or political committee;

8 “(f) Render or refrain from rendering services to any candidate, political

9 party or political committee;

10 “(g) Challenge or refrain from challenging a person offering to vote;

11 “(h) Apply or refrain from applying for a ballot as an absent elector; or

12 “(i) Sign or refrain from signing a prospective petition or an initiative,

13 referendum, recall or candidate nominating petition.

14 “(3) A person may not solicit or accept money or other thing of value as

15 an inducement to act as prohibited by subsection (2) of this section.

16 “(4) This section does not prohibit:

17 “(a) The employment of persons to render services to candidates, political

18 parties or political committees;

19 “(b) The public distribution by candidates, political parties or political

20 committees of sample ballots or other items readily available to the public

21 without charge, even though the distributor incurs costs in the distribution;

22 “(c) Public or nonpromissory statements by or on behalf of a candidate

23 of the candidate’s intentions or purposes if elected;

24 “(d) A promise by a candidate to employ any person as administrative

25 assistant, secretary or other direct personal aide;

26 “(e) Free custody and care of minor children of persons during the time

27 those persons are absent from those children for voting purposes;

28 “(f) For persons voting, free transportation to and from places designated

29 for the deposit of ballots under ORS 254.470 or to and from locations de-

30 scribed in ORS 254.472 or 254.474[;], but no means of advertising, solicitation

1 or inducement to influence the vote of persons transported may be used with
2 that transportation;

3 “(g) Individuals or political committees from providing refreshments in-
4 cidental to a gathering in support of or in opposition to a candidate, political
5 committee or measure;

6 “(h) The public distribution of **voter** registration [*cards*] **applications** by
7 a person approved by the Secretary of State under ORS 247.171 to print, copy
8 or otherwise prepare and distribute **voter** registration [*cards*] **applications**,
9 even though the distributor incurs costs in the distribution; or

10 “(i) An elections official from providing return identification envelopes
11 for ballots that may be returned by mail at no cost to the elector under ORS
12 254.473.

13 **“SECTION 32.** ORS 284.883 is amended to read:

14 “284.883. (1) The Oregon Growth Board is established to formulate and
15 implement policies and procedures to administer ORS 284.881 to 284.890, and
16 to make recommendations for the investment, reinvestment, management and
17 coordination of funds in the Oregon Growth Account established under ORS
18 348.702 and the Oregon Growth Fund established under ORS 284.890.

19 “(2) The board shall consist of nine voting members and one to three
20 nonvoting members as follows:

21 “(a) The State Treasurer shall be an ex officio voting member of the
22 board.

23 “(b) The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department, or the
24 director’s designee, shall be an ex officio nonvoting member of the board.

25 “(c) The Governor shall appoint eight voting members, subject to Senate
26 confirmation under ORS 171.562 and 171.565 and the following:

27 “(A) Two of the members shall be persons who do not belong to the same
28 political party, who reflect the identity of the Legislative Assembly by poli-
29 tical party affiliation at the time the persons are appointed and who are se-
30 lected from a list of four candidates, each candidate recommended by the

1 President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of
2 the House of Representatives or the Minority Leader of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives, respectively.

4 “(B) Members shall include at least one representative from each con-
5 gressional district in this state.

6 “(C) Six members shall be appointed as follows:

7 “(i) One member with experience in banking;

8 “(ii) One member with experience in credit union operations;

9 “(iii) One member with experience managing investments;

10 “(iv) One member with experience as a small business employer in this
11 state; and

12 “(v) Two at-large members.

13 “(d) Two members of the Legislative Assembly that belong to different
14 political parties as determined by the appropriate entry on official [election]
15 **voter** registration [cards] **applications**, who are appointed by agreement of
16 the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker
17 of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of
18 Representatives, shall serve as nonvoting members of the board. If an
19 agreement cannot be reached on both members of the Legislative Assembly
20 to serve on the board, no appointment shall be made under this paragraph.

21 “(3) The term of office of each member who is not an ex officio member
22 is four years. A member appointed by the Governor serves at the pleasure
23 of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member who is not
24 an ex officio member, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor
25 whose term begins on January 1 next following. A member is eligible for
26 reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, including but not limited
27 to the end of a term of membership in the Legislative Assembly, the ap-
28 pointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effec-
29 tive for the unexpired term.

30 “(4) The board shall select one of its members as chairperson and another

1 to serve as a liaison with local governments for such terms and with duties
2 and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of these offices
3 as the board determines, consistent with this section.

4 “(5) A majority of the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum
5 for the transaction of business.

6 “(6) A member of the board may receive compensation and reimbursement
7 for expenses as follows:

8 “(a) Members of the Legislative Assembly as provided in ORS 171.072.

9 “(b) Nonlegislative members in the manner and amounts provided in ORS
10 292.495. Claims for compensation and expenses incurred in performing the
11 functions of the board shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the board
12 for that purpose.

13 “(7) The Oregon Business Development Department shall provide staff to
14 the board as necessary to allow the board to carry out its responsibilities
15 under ORS 284.881 to 284.890.

16 **“SECTION 33.** ORS 285A.040 is amended to read:

17 “285A.040. (1) There is established the Oregon Business Development
18 Commission consisting of nine members appointed as follows:

19 “(a) One nonvoting member appointed from among the members of the
20 Senate by the President of the Senate;

21 “(b) One nonvoting member appointed from among the members of the
22 House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
23 and

24 “(c) Seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation
25 by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565. The
26 Governor shall appoint members of the commission in compliance with all
27 of the following:

28 “(A) Members shall be appointed with consideration given to represen-
29 tation of the different geographic regions of the state, and at least one
30 member shall be a resident of the area east of the Cascade Range.

1 “(B) Not more than five members may belong to one political party. Party
2 affiliation shall be determined by the appropriate entry on official [election]
3 **voter** registration [cards] **applications**.

4 “(C) Members shall be appointed with consideration given to represen-
5 tation of the following areas of expertise or training:

6 “(i) International trade;

7 “(ii) Traded sector business development;

8 “(iii) Small business development;

9 “(iv) Local economic development;

10 “(v) Finance and business investment;

11 “(vi) Innovation; or

12 “(vii) Other areas of training or expertise identified by the Governor.

13 “(2)(a) The term of office of each member appointed by the Governor is
14 four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the
15 expiration of the term of a member appointed by the Governor, the Governor
16 shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 of the following year.
17 A member appointed by the Governor is eligible for reappointment. In case
18 of a vacancy among the members appointed by the Governor for any cause,
19 the Governor shall appoint a person to fill the office for the unexpired term.

20 “(b) The term of office of the member appointed by the President of the
21 Senate is four years. In case of a vacancy for any cause, the President of the
22 Senate shall appoint a Senator to fill the office for the unexpired term.

23 “(c) The term of office of the member appointed by the Speaker of the
24 House of Representatives is two years. In case of a vacancy for any cause,
25 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a Representative
26 to fill the office for the unexpired term.

27 “(3) A member of the commission who is appointed by the Governor is
28 entitled to compensation and expenses as provided by ORS 292.495. Legisla-
29 tive members of the commission are prohibited from receiving compensation
30 and reimbursement for expenses.

1 “(4) Subject to confirmation by the Senate, the Governor shall appoint
2 one of the voting commissioners as presiding officer of the commission. The
3 presiding officer shall have duties and powers as the commission determines
4 are necessary for the office.

5 “(5) Five voting members of the commission constitute a quorum for the
6 transaction of business.

7 “(6) The commission shall meet at least quarterly at a time and place
8 determined by the commission. The commission shall also meet at other
9 times and places as are specified by the call of the presiding officer or by
10 the call of a majority of the voting members of the commission.

11 “(7) A vacancy among the voting members of the commission does not
12 impair the right of the remaining voting commissioners to exercise all the
13 powers of the commission. If the remaining voting commissioners are unable
14 to agree, the Governor shall have the right to vote as a member of the
15 commission.

16 “(8) A member of the commission appointed due to expertise or training
17 in local economic development described in subsection (1)(c)(C)(iv) of this
18 section shall also be an elected local government official with experience in
19 economic development matters.

20 **“SECTION 34.** ORS 561.372 is amended to read:

21 “561.372. (1) In order that there may be the closest correspondence be-
22 tween State Department of Agriculture policies and programs, the public
23 interests and the resolution of practical agricultural problems of the state,
24 there is created the State Board of Agriculture.

25 “(2) The Director of Agriculture, the Dean of the College of Agricultural
26 Sciences of Oregon State University and the chairperson of the Soil and
27 Water Conservation Commission shall serve as ex officio members of the
28 board. The director and the dean shall be nonvoting members. The director
29 shall act as secretary of the board. The dean may appoint a person to rep-
30 resent the dean on the board.

1 “(3) The Governor shall appoint nine members to the board. The members
2 appointed to the board must be residents of Oregon. Not more than five of
3 the members appointed to the board may belong to the same political party.
4 Party affiliation shall be determined by the appropriate entry on official
5 [election] **voter** registration [cards] **applications**.

6 “(4) The term of each member appointed to the board is four years. A
7 member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
8 Before a member’s term expires, the Governor shall appoint a successor. If
9 a vacancy occurs, the Governor shall appoint a person to complete the re-
10 mainder of the unexpired term.

11 “(5) A person who serves two consecutive terms on the board is not eli-
12 gible for appointment to another term on the board until at least one year
13 after the expiration of the second consecutive term.

14 “(6) The Governor shall appoint two board members who are not actively
15 involved in the production of agricultural commodities to be representatives
16 of the public interests. The Governor shall appoint seven board members who
17 are actively engaged in the production of agricultural commodities. The
18 Governor shall seek to ensure that the appointed board members who
19 produce agricultural commodities reflect the diverse nature of agricultural
20 commodity production within the state.

21 **“SECTION 35.** ORS 835.102 is amended to read:

22 “835.102. (1) There is established the State Aviation Board consisting of
23 seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the
24 Senate pursuant to ORS 171.562 and 171.565. The Governor shall appoint
25 members of the board in compliance with all of the following:

26 “(a) Members shall be appointed with consideration of the different ge-
27 ographic regions of the state, with one member being a resident of the area
28 east of the Cascade Range.

29 “(b) Not more than four members shall belong to the same political party.
30 Party affiliation shall be determined by the appropriate entry on official

1 [*election*] **voter** registration [*cards*] **applications**.

2 “(2) The board membership shall represent diverse aviation interests from
3 both the private and public sectors.

4 “(3) The term of office of each member is four years. Before the expiration
5 of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term
6 begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment. In
7 case of a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill
8 the office for the unexpired term.

9 “(4) A member of the board is entitled to compensation and expenses as
10 provided by ORS 292.495.”.

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