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I'm strongly opposed.

In what possible way could this be considered a good idea? The current system is convenient and carefully administered.

Currently, when voting in Oregon:

- I receive a notification my ballot has been mailed
- I receive the ballot
- I am given plenty of time to research each of the ballot items so that I am making an educated choice. Our kitchen table is LITERALLY covered in candidate and measure fliers, the voters guide, league of women voters brochures, and two computers for further research.
- I mail my ballot at my convenience
- I receive a notice that my ballot has been received and counted

What is wrong with ANY of that?

What's more, it's clear someone is closely watching the voting process. When my signature changed (after twenty years of voting) I received an efficient form asking me to update that signature. Good for us!

In contrast, this bill would require that I:

- ...spend time to find my current polling place
- ...schedule time to stand in line to vote (Don't forget proper ID or you restart this process)
- ...hope that I have done sufficient research for each of the ballot items and that I don't need additional time to research any measures or candidates I may have questions about.
- ...trust that my ballot was actually received and counted. Something I used to take for granted, but given the propensity by some parties to litigate voting results, I can't always be sure.

No. This is a Really Bad Idea. Don't do it.