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I wholeheartedly OPPOSE this measure. In my early years in Portland I voted in a neighbor's basement, literally filling out my ballot on their pool table, then when I moved a few blocks, I voted at a local Stamp Collectors club. When I purchased my current home in 1992 my voting place became a nearby church. A church that weekly put up political messages on their signboard that were completely opposite of my views. I could not stomach walking into their building. I jumped through the hoops to become an absentee voter, so that I did not have to cross their doorstep. Some years later Oregon adopted vote by mail and no one has needed to wade through these types of issues since. Voting is a RIGHT and a RESPONSIBILITY of all US citizens. I resent those politician who work to disenfranchise voters. Citizens should not need to take time off of work to vote. I believe Vote by Mail is much safer for all, than traditional voting.