74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum

Nays: - Exc.: -

Prepared By: Jim Stembridge, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows application for absentee ballots by electronic mail. Deletes requirement that county clerk update voter registration based solely on change-of-mailing-address notification from United States Postal Service. Prohibits electioneering at polling places while voters are waiting in line to vote after 8 p.m. on election day. Requires sign displayed at unofficial ballot collection-sites—"NOT AN OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITE"—to be printed in all caps in bold 50-point type.

MEASURE: HB 2640 A

Rep. Thatcher

CARRIER:

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Source of notification to county clerk of change of mailing address
- Differences, for purposes of voter registration and mailing of ballots, of residential address and mailing address
- Procedure used by county clerks to update voter registration when there is evidence of a change of residential address or mailing address
- Current procedure when voters are in line to cast ballots at 8 p.m. on election day
- Enforcement of prohibition on electioneering within 100 feet of polling places
- Unofficial ballot collection sites and procedure used to deputize official ballot collectors

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Restores residential address requirement for signers of nominating petitions, adding option of supplying mailing address instead of residential address

BACKGROUND: Typically, county clerks are notified of a change in a voter's mailing address or residential address by the United States Postal Service when mailed ballots—which, by law, are not forwarded—are returned un-deliverable to the county clerks. County clerks then send voter-registration update cards, which are forwarded, to voters. Voter registration is then updated when voters return the cards to the county clerks.

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