

# House Bill 2080

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows Governor by proclamation, upon request from Secretary of State, to extend deadline for returning ballots in event of civil disorder, state of emergency, natural disaster or other catastrophic event. Limits extension of deadline to no more than 14 calendar days after date of election. Directs Governor to set deadline for returning ballots.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to extending the deadline for returning ballots; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 254.**

**SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 171.185, 203.085, 221.230, 221.621, 254.056, 254.325, 254.470, 254.655, 255.335, 255.345, 258.075, 545.135 and 568.520, the Governor by written proclamation may extend the deadline for returning ballots in any state, county, city or district election if the Governor receives a written request for the extension from the Secretary of State. The secretary may request the Governor to extend the deadline for returning ballots under this section if, after consultation with affected county clerks, the secretary determines that it would be impossible or impracticable for electors to return ballots or for elections officials to tally ballots due to:**

**(a) Civil disorder;**

**(b) A state of emergency declared under ORS 401.055;**

**(c) An unanticipated grave natural disaster or other natural phenomenon of an exceptional, inevitable and irresistible character, the effects of which could not have been prevented or avoided by the exercise of due care or foresight; or**

**(d) Any other catastrophic event.**

**(2) The Governor may not extend the deadline for returning ballots in any state, county, city or district election under subsection (1) of this section for more than 14 calendar days after the date of the election.**

**(3) The written proclamation required under subsection (1) of this section shall state:**

**(a) The determination of the Governor;**

**(b) The reason the deadline for returning ballots was extended; and**

**(c) The date and time by which ballots must be returned in the election.**

**SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.