

Enrolled
House Bill 2603

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the Legislative Assembly website; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 171.795 and 173.766.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 173.766 is amended to read:

173.766. (1) The Legislative Administration Committee shall make available to each member of the Legislative Assembly an electronic mail address accessible by Oregonians through the largest nonproprietary, nonprofit cooperative public computer network.

(2) All state agencies shall cooperate with the Legislative Administration Committee in the implementation of **subsection (1) of this section** and ORS 171.795, 173.763 and 183.365.

(3) If the Legislative Administration Committee makes available to each member of the Legislative Assembly a webpage on the website of the Legislative Assembly, employees of the committee shall post material on a member’s webpage or install or maintain links from the member’s webpage to other websites in the manner directed by the member. If the posting of material or installation or maintenance of a link results in a violation of law:

(a) The member who directed the posting of material or installation or maintenance of the link is liable for the violation; and

(b) An employee of the committee who posts the material or installs or maintains the link at the direction of a member is not liable for the violation.

(4) Subsection (3) of this section does not authorize the posting of material or the installation or maintenance of any link that is prohibited by any other law.

SECTION 2. ORS 171.795 is amended to read:

171.795. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that it is now possible and feasible in this electronic age to distribute information more widely by way of electronic communication. The Legislative Assembly further finds that it is desirable to make information available to the citizens of this state in a timely manner and for the least possible cost. The use of electronic communication will:

(a) Better inform the public of legislative proceedings and matters pending before the Legislative Assembly;

(b) Allow broader participation among Oregonians in the legislative process;

(c) Make information regarding legislative matters and proceedings more readily available to the citizens of this state;

(d) Allow constituents to better communicate with their elected representatives, irrespective of where they reside;

(e) Make administrative rules adopted or amended by state agencies more readily available to the citizens of this state; and

(f) Provide the public with a better insight into the operations of state government.

(2) This section and ORS 173.763, 173.766 (1) and (2) and 183.365 may be cited as the Oregon Public Access Act.

SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 171.795 and 173.766 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2007 Act apply to material posted and links installed or maintained on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.

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Chief Clerk of House

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Speaker of House

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