A-Engrossed Senate Bill 951

Ordered by the Senate May 9 Including Senate Amendments dated May 9

Sponsored by Senator AVAKIAN; Senators PROZANSKI, WALKER, Representatives BARNHART, BUCKLEY, CLEM, GELSER, HOLVEY, ROBLAN

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.

Directs community colleges and state institutions of higher education to adopt plans to encourage students to register to vote and to vote in elections. Requires that students receive information about activities related to voting that are prohibited by law and penalties for those activities.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to student voters; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Each community college and state institution of higher education listed in ORS 352.002 shall adopt a plan, in consultation with the recognized student government of the college or institution, to increase student voter registration and voting in elections. Each plan shall:

- (1) Ensure that all students receive information about voting and the opportunities available on campus to register to vote;
- (2) Ensure that all students receive information about activities relating to voting that are prohibited by law and the penalties for those activities;
- (3) Address the distribution and collection of voter registration cards, as defined in ORS 247.002, during the first three weeks of each academic term;
- (4) Require that voter registration cards be made available in residence halls, campus bookstores, places where students register for classes, financial aid offices and student adviser offices;
- (5) Require college and institution administrators to communicate with faculty, staff and students about deadlines for voter registration; and
- (6) Include a campus-wide advertising campaign to advise students of the deadline for delivering ballots by mail.

SECTION 2. Each community college and state institution of higher education shall adopt the plan required by section 1 of this 2007 Act not later than February 1, 2008.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> 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 July 1, 2007.

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