

Senate Bill 951

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 **as introduced**.

Directs community colleges and state institutions of higher education to adopt plans to encourage students to register to vote and to vote in elections.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to student voters; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

8 (1) **Ensure that all students receive information about voting and the opportunities**
9 **available on campus to register to vote;**

10 (2) **Address the distribution and collection of voter registration cards, as defined in ORS**
11 **247.002, during the first three weeks of each academic term;**

12 (3) **Require that voter registration cards be made available in residence halls, campus**
13 **bookstores, places where students register for classes, financial aid offices and student ad-**
14 **viser offices;**

15 (4) **Require college and institution administrators to communicate with faculty, staff and**
16 **students about deadlines for voter registration; and**

17 (5) **Include a campus-wide advertising campaign to advise students of the deadline for**
18 **delivering ballots by mail.**

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

21 **SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
23 **July 1, 2007.**

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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.