

Senate Bill 975

Sponsored by Senator WALKER

SUMMARY

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Adds loss or threat of loss of prospective employment to definition of "undue influence" for purposes of election laws.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to elections; amending ORS 260.665.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 260.665 is amended to read:

5 260.665. (1) As used in this section, "undue influence" means force, violence, restraint or the
6 threat of it, inflicting injury, damage, harm, loss of **current or prospective** employment or other
7 loss or the threat of it, or giving or promising to give money, employment or other thing of value.

8 (2) [No] **A** person, acting either alone or with or through any other person, [shall] **may not** di-
9 rectly or indirectly subject any person to undue influence with the intent to induce any person to:

10 (a) Register or vote;

11 (b) Refrain from registering or voting;

12 (c) Register or vote in any particular manner;

13 (d) Be or refrain from or cease being a candidate;

14 (e) Contribute or refrain from contributing to any candidate, political party or political com-
15 mittee;

16 (f) Render or refrain from rendering services to any candidate, political party or political com-
17 mittee;

18 (g) Challenge or refrain from challenging a person offering to vote; or

19 (h) Apply or refrain from applying for an absentee ballot.

20 (3) [No] **A** person [shall] **may not** solicit or accept money or other thing of value as an in-
21 ducement to act as prohibited by subsection (2) of this section.

22 (4) This section does not prohibit:

23 (a) The employment of persons to render services to candidates, political parties or political
24 committees;

25 (b) The public distribution by candidates, political parties or political committees of sample
26 ballots or other items readily available to the public without charge, even though the distributor
27 incurs costs in the distribution;

28 (c) Public or nonpromissory statements by or on behalf of a candidate of the candidate's in-
29 tentions or purposes if elected;

30 (d) A promise by a candidate to employ any person as administrative assistant, secretary or
31 other direct personal aide;

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.

1 (e) Free custody and care of minor children of persons during the time those persons are absent
2 from those children for voting purposes;

3 (f) Free transportation to and from the polls for persons voting; but no means of advertising,
4 solicitation or inducement to influence the vote of persons transported shall be used with that
5 transportation;

6 (g) Individuals or political committees from providing refreshments incidental to a gathering in
7 support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee or measure; or

8 (h) The public distribution of registration cards by a person approved by the Secretary of State
9 under ORS 247.171 to print, copy or otherwise prepare and distribute registration cards, even though
10 the distributor incurs costs in the distribution.

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