

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 7 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Shields, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires voter registration cards be addressed to an elections official if the registration arrives after the 21st day before an election. Deletes the requirement that voters must request a ballot after they change their voter registration within 21 days prior to an election. Allows county clerk to automatically send a new ballot when the County Elections Office receives a new address for a voter. Allows the Secretary of State to collect information from the U.S. Postal Service in order to assist counties with updating voter registration databases. Declares emergency, takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Number of registration cards that are submitted to county clerks after the 21-day deadline
- Allowing county clerks to send a ballot to a new address
- Ability to increase efficiency with the Secretary of State communicating directly with the U.S. Postal Service

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Individuals may register to vote in Oregon if they: 1) are a resident; 2) are a citizen of the United States; and 3) will be 18 years old by Election Day. Individuals must fill out the voter registration form and submit it to their county elections office. The voter registration form must be postmarked by the 21st day before an election in order to vote in that election.