

Senate Bill 1098

Sponsored by Senator BROWN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires person to opt out of voter registration on Department of Transportation application forms for issuance or renewal of driver license, state identification card and change of address, if person does not wish to register to vote.

Directs Secretary of State to update elector addresses quarterly.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to voter registration; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 247.017.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 247.017 is amended to read:

5 247.017. (1) The Department of Transportation shall make a voter registration card available to
6 any person at any office of the department where licenses or renewal applications are distributed
7 or received.

8 (2) When a person who is at least 17 years of age applies for issuance or renewal of an Oregon
9 driver license, as defined in ORS 801.245, or issuance of a state identification card under ORS
10 807.400 or submits a change of address application form at a department office where driver license
11 issuance or renewal applications, state identification card applications or change of address appli-
12 cations are distributed or received, department personnel shall inform the person that the person
13 may register to vote at the department office. Department personnel shall ask the [*applicant*] **person**
14 whether the [*applicant*] **person** is registered to vote at the [*applicant's*] **person's** current address
15 and if not, whether the [*applicant*] **person** would like to register to vote at the department office.
16 **Department personnel shall also inform the person that the person must opt out of the voter**
17 **registration portion of the application form described in subsection (5) of this section if the**
18 **person does not wish to use the form as an application for voter registration.**

19 (3) **If a person who is at least 17 years of age provides the information required by ORS**
20 **247.171 on an application form described in subsection (5) of this section and does not opt out**
21 **of using the voter registration portion of the form as an application for voter registration,**
22 **the department shall consider the voter registration portion of the form a completed voter**
23 **registration card.**

24 [(3)] (4) Each office shall deliver in a timely manner the completed voter registration cards to
25 the county clerk or elections officer of the county in which the office is located. The county clerk
26 or elections officer of the county where the office is located shall forward the registration card to
27 the county clerk or elections officer of the county in which the applicant resides. The county clerk
28 or elections officer may reject any registration card in accordance with ORS 247.174. The Secretary
29 of State shall determine by rule the time and manner the completed registration cards are to be
30 delivered to the appropriate county clerk or elections officer.

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 [(4)] (5) The department shall develop a driver license issuance or renewal and voter registra-
 2 tion application [*procedure*] **form**, [*and*] a state identification card issuance and voter registration
 3 application [*procedure*] **form** and a change of address and voter registration application [*procedure*]
 4 **form** that [*allows*] **allow** an applicant for a license, renewal, state identification card or change of
 5 address to register to vote by providing the information required by ORS 247.171 and the informa-
 6 tion required for the issuance or renewal of a license or for issuance of a state identification card.
 7 **A form developed under this subsection must also contain a space for a person to indicate**
 8 **that the person opts out of using the voter registration portion of the form as an application**
 9 **for voter registration.** The Secretary of State shall approve the voter registration portion of each
 10 [*application procedure and change of address procedure*] **form**.

11 [(5)] (6) The voter registration portion of an application **form** described in subsection [(4)] (5)
 12 of this section shall comply with provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L.
 13 103-31).

14 [(6)] (7) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules establishing procedures for meeting the re-
 15 quirements of subsection [(3)] (4) of this section.

16 [(7)] (8) Information relating to the failure of [*an applicant*] **a person** under this section to sign
 17 the voter registration portion of an application **form** for issuance or renewal of a driver license,
 18 issuance of a state identification card or [*for*] a change of address may not be used for other than
 19 voter registration purposes.

20 **SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2008 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 247.**

21 **SECTION 3. (1) The Secretary of State shall obtain and use records of the United States**
 22 **Postal Service to verify the accuracy of addresses of electors contained in the elector records**
 23 **of the Secretary of State.**

24 **(2) Based on information obtained under subsection (1) of this section, the Secretary of**
 25 **State shall automatically update the address of an elector.**

26 **(3) Updates under this section shall be made for each calendar year quarter.**

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