

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Gelsner, Jenson, Nolan, Read, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Garrard
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Meeting Dates:	6/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires county surveyor to be appointed by county governing body rather than elected, unless county charter or ordinance provides otherwise. Deems an elected sheriff to be certified as a basic police officer if such person: served at least 25 years as a police officer in the state; retired honorably from law enforcement and received or was eligible to receive a Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) retirement card; held valid DPSST certification through executive level at retirement; previously served at least four years as an elected sheriff; is certified by governing body of electing county as providing primarily executive, policymaking, managerial and leadership services; and, completes DPSST career police officer courses. Repeals provisions regarding elected sheriff on January 2, 2010. Makes provisions regarding county surveyors applicable to vacancies on or after January 1, 2010. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of appointment versus election
- Provisions of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Specifies applicable to county surveyor vacancies on or after January 1, 2010. Deems an elected sheriff to be certified as a basic police officer if such person: served at least 25 years as a police officer in the state; retired honorably from law enforcement and received or was eligible to receive a DPSST retirement card; held valid DPSST certification through executive level at retirement; previously served at least four years as an elected sheriff; is certified by governing body of electing county as providing primarily executive, policymaking, managerial and leadership services; and, completes DPSST career police officer courses. Repeals provisions regarding elected sheriff on January 2, 2010. Adds emergency clause.

BACKGROUND: Currently, county surveyors are elected. Under Senate Bill 344-C, for counties other than those under a county charter, surveyors would be appointed and begin their term upon the date of appointment. Appointed surveyors would have to meet statutory qualifications in order to be eligible for appointment. Counties under charter could require surveyors to be elected and would provide for their qualifications within the charter.

A previous elected sheriff of Multnomah county, Bob Skipper, came out of retirement first to accept appointment, and then reelection, to assist Multnomah county by completing the term of office of Sheriff Bernie Giusto. Sheriff Skipper has been away from police work for a dozen years, and one requirement of being an elected Sheriff in Oregon is that the office-holder must be certified as a basic police officer. Sheriff Skipper's basic through executive certifications have expired during his retirement, and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training denied his request to waive the requirement. Sheriff Skipper is scheduled to begin basic training at the Police Academy on June 22, 2009. Senate Bill 344-C creates a one-time exception for Sheriff Skipper that automatically sunsets; he will be deemed certified as a basic police officer to prevent his absence from office for 16 weeks and save the taxpayer the cost of retraining.

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