

# House Bill 3473

Sponsored by Representative WINGARD; Representatives CLEM, D EDWARDS, GALIZIO, STIEGLER, Senators BONAMICI, BURDICK, HASS (at the request of April Hill)

## 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 school districts that include public high school to adopt plans to encourage students to register to vote and to vote in elections. Requires that students receive information about activities related to voting that are prohibited by law and penalties for those activities.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

## 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 school district that includes a public high school shall adopt a plan, in**  
5 **consultation with the recognized student governments of the high schools in the school dis-**  
6 **trict, to increase student voter registration and voting in elections. Each plan shall:**

7 (1) **Ensure that all students receive information about voting and the opportunities**  
8 **available at the school to register to vote;**

9 (2) **Ensure that all students receive information about activities relating to voting that**  
10 **are prohibited by law and the penalties for those activities;**

11 (3) **Address the distribution and collection of voter registration cards, as defined in ORS**  
12 **247.002, during the first three weeks of each academic term;**

13 (4) **Require that voter registration cards be made available in the school library, coun-**  
14 **seling services office, places where students register for classes or career services office;**

15 (5) **Require high school administrators to communicate with faculty, staff and students**  
16 **about deadlines for voter registration; and**

17 (6) **Include a schoolwide advertising campaign to advise students of the deadline for de-**  
18 **livering ballots by mail.**

19 **SECTION 2. Each school district that includes a public high school shall adopt the plan**  
20 **required by section 1 of this 2009 Act not later than February 1, 2010.**

21 **SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**  
23 **July 1, 2009.**

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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.