

Senate Bill 780

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUMMARY

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Reduces number of legislators appointed to Asset Forfeiture Oversight Advisory Committee from six to four.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Asset Forfeiture Oversight Advisory Committee; creating new provisions; and amending
3 ORS 475A.155.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 475A.155 is amended to read:

6 475A.155. (1) The Asset Forfeiture Oversight Advisory Committee is created. The committee
7 consists of [*12*] **10** members to be appointed as follows:

8 (a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint
9 [*six*] **four** legislators to the committee. [*Three*] **Two** shall be Senators appointed by the President.
10 [*Three*] **Two** shall be Representatives appointed by the Speaker.

11 (b) The Governor shall appoint three members to the committee.

12 (c) The Attorney General shall appoint three members to the committee.

13 (2) The term of a legislative member of the committee shall be two years. The term of all other
14 members shall be four years. Members of the committee may be reappointed. If a vacancy occurs
15 on the committee for any reason during the term of membership, the official who appointed the
16 member to the vacant position shall appoint a new member to serve the remainder of the term. A
17 member of the committee may be removed from the committee at any time by the official who ap-
18 pointed the member.

19 (3)(a) The members of the committee shall select from among themselves a chairperson and vice
20 chairperson.

21 (b) The committee shall meet at such times and places as determined by the chairperson.

22 (4) Legislative members shall be entitled to payment of compensation and expense reimburse-
23 ment under ORS 171.072, payable from funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly.

24 (5) The committee shall:

25 (a) Prepare reports detailing the number and nature of forfeitures carried out under this chapter
26 and ORS 131.550 to 131.600 including the disposition and use of the proceeds from the forfeitures.
27 The reports shall be submitted on or before March 31 of each year to the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives, President of the Senate, Attorney General and Governor.

29 (b) In consultation with forfeiture counsel, review and, if necessary, modify the reports required
30 from forfeiture counsel and political subdivisions to ensure that information necessary for oversight
31 is being obtained and is gathered in an efficient and effective manner.

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 (c) Make any recommendations it deems necessary to increase the effectiveness, fairness and
2 efficiency of forfeiture actions brought under this chapter and ORS 131.550 to 131.600.

3 (d) Make any recommendations for additional legislation governing forfeiture actions brought
4 under this chapter and ORS 131.550 to 131.600.

5 (e) Conduct studies or other activities as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this sub-
6 section.

7 (6) The Executive Director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall provide the com-
8 mittee with staff, subject to funds available for that purpose.

9 (7) For purposes of this section, "forfeiture counsel" includes forfeiture counsel as defined in
10 ORS 131.550.

11 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 475A.155 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to ap-
12 pointments made on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.**

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