

House Bill 2442

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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**.

Prohibits use of word "independent" in name of major or minor political party.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to political parties; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that use of the word "independent" in the**
5 **name of a political party causes widespread voter confusion and threatens the integrity and**
6 **administration of the election laws.**

7 **SECTION 2. The word "independent" may not be included or used as any part of the**
8 **name of a major or minor political party.**

9 **SECTION 3. Notwithstanding ORS 248.008 (6), a minor political party may change the**
10 **name of the party to exclude the word "independent," and the change shall not affect the**
11 **membership of the party.**

12 **SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 1, 2012.**

13 **SECTION 5. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
14 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
15 **on its passage.**

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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.