

# House Bill 2998

Sponsored by Representatives KRIEGER, BARKER (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Requires that voter registration cards be made available to eligible persons at offices where agent of State Fish and Wildlife Commission issues licenses, tags or permits. Directs commission to develop procedures under which persons can apply for or renew license, tag or permit and register to vote.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to voter registration; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 247.012.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 247.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall make registration cards**  
6 **available at any office in which an agent of the commission issues or renews licenses, tags**  
7 **or permits.**

8 **(2) The commission's agent shall inform a person who is at least 18 years of age and**  
9 **applies for issuance or renewal of a license, tag or permit from the commission that the**  
10 **applicant may register to vote at the office of the commission's agent. The commission's**  
11 **agent shall ask whether the applicant is registered to vote at the applicant's current address**  
12 **and, if not, whether the applicant would like to register to vote.**

13 **(3) Each agent of the commission shall deliver, in a timely manner, the completed reg-**  
14 **istration cards to the county clerk of the county in which the office of the agent is located.**  
15 **The county clerk of the county in which the agent's office is located shall forward the reg-**  
16 **istration cards to the county clerk of the county in which the applicant resides. The county**  
17 **clerk of the county in which the applicant resides may reject any registration card in ac-**  
18 **cordance with ORS 247.174. The Secretary of State shall determine by rule the time and**  
19 **manner in which the completed registration cards must be delivered to the appropriate**  
20 **county clerk.**

21 **(4) The commission shall develop an application form and a procedure that allows an**  
22 **applicant for issuance or renewal of a license, tag or permit to register to vote by providing**  
23 **the information required by ORS 247.171 and the information required for the issuance or**  
24 **renewal of a license, tag or permit. The voter registration portion of the application form**  
25 **and procedure is subject to approval by the Secretary of State.**

26 **(5) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules establishing procedures for meeting the re-**  
27 **quirements of subsection (4) of this section.**

28 **(6) Information relating to the failure of an applicant under this section to sign the voter**  
29 **registration portion of an application for issuance or renewal of a license, tag or permit from**  
30 **the commission may not be used for other than voter registration purposes.**

**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.

**SECTION 3.** ORS 247.012 is amended to read:

247.012. (1) A qualified person may register to vote or update a registration to vote by:

(a) Delivering by mail or otherwise a completed registration card to any county clerk, the Secretary of State, any office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208;

(b) Personally delivering the card to an official designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

(c) Completing the voter registration portion of the application for issuance or renewal of a driver license, issuance of a state identification card under ORS 807.400 or a change of address at an office of the Department of Transportation under ORS 247.017; *[or]*

(d) Completing a registration card using the electronic voter registration system described in ORS 247.019[.]; **or**

**(e) Completing the voter registration portion of the application for issuance or renewal of a license, tag or permit at an office of an agent of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission under section 2 of this 2011 Act.**

(2) If a registration card is mailed or delivered to:

(a) Any person other than a county clerk or the Secretary of State, the person shall forward the card to a county clerk or the Secretary of State not later than the fifth day after receiving the card; **or**

(b) The Secretary of State or a county clerk for a county other than the county in which the person applying for registration resides, the Secretary of State or county clerk shall forward the card to the county clerk for the county in which the person resides not later than the fifth day after receiving the card.

(3) Registration of a qualified person occurs:

(a) When a legible, accurate and complete registration card is received in the office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation, a designated voter registration agency under ORS 247.208 or at a location designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

(b) On the date a registration card is postmarked if the card is received after the 21st day immediately preceding an election but is postmarked not later than the 21st day immediately preceding the election and is addressed to an office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208; **or**

(c) In the case of a registration card missing a date of birth, containing an incomplete date of birth or containing an unintentional scrivener's error that is supplied or corrected as described in subsection (4) or (6) of this section, on the date that registration would have occurred if the registration card had not been missing the date of birth, contained an incomplete date of birth or contained the scrivener's error.

(4) Except as provided in ORS 247.125, if a registration card is legible, accurate and contains, at a minimum, the registrant's name, residence address, date of birth and signature, the county clerk shall register the person. If this information is missing from the registration card or the date of birth is incomplete, the county clerk shall attempt to contact the person to obtain the missing or incomplete information. The county clerk may supply the registrant's date of birth from any previous registration of the registrant.

(5) If a registration card meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section but is missing

1 an indication of political party affiliation, the registrant shall be considered not affiliated with any  
2 political party. This subsection does not apply if an elector is updating a registration within the  
3 same county.

4 (6) If a registration card contains an unintentional scrivener's error, the county clerk may at-  
5 tempt to contact the person to correct the error.

6 (7) A county clerk may appoint officials to accept registration of persons at designated locations.  
7 The appointments and locations shall be in writing and filed in the office of the county clerk. The  
8 county clerk shall be responsible for the performance of duties by those appointed.

9 (8) A registration card received and accepted under this section shall be considered an active  
10 registration.

11 (9) A registration may be updated at any time.  
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