

# House Bill 3062

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## SUMMARY

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Provides for automatic voter registration of person who applies for issuance or renewal of driver license, state identification card or change of address, unless person declines to register to vote.  
Becomes operative on January 1, 2012.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to voter registration; creating new provisions; amending ORS 247.017; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 247.017 is amended to read:

6 247.017. (1) The Department of Transportation shall make a voter registration card available to  
7 any person at any office of the department where licenses or renewal applications are distributed  
8 or received.

9 (2) When a person who is at least 17 years of age applies for issuance or renewal of an Oregon  
10 driver license, as defined in ORS 801.245, or issuance of a state identification card under ORS  
11 807.400 or submits a change of address application form at a department office where driver license  
12 issuance or renewal applications, state identification card applications or change of address appli-  
13 cations are distributed or received, department personnel shall inform the person that *[the person*  
14 *may register to vote at the department office. Department personnel shall ask the applicant whether the*  
15 *applicant is registered to vote at the applicant's current address and if not, whether the applicant would*  
16 *like to register to vote at the department office.]* **the application form described in subsection (5)**  
17 **of this section is considered a voter registration card unless the person indicates in the space**  
18 **provided that the person declines to use the form as an application for voter registration.**

19 **(3) If a person who is at least 17 years of age provides the information required by ORS**  
20 **247.171 on an application form described in subsection (5) of this section and does not decline**  
21 **to use the voter registration portion of the form as an application for voter registration, the**  
22 **voter registration portion of the form shall be considered a completed voter registration**  
23 **card.**

24 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Each office shall deliver in a timely manner the completed voter registration cards to  
25 the county clerk or elections officer of the county in which the office is located. The county clerk  
26 or elections officer of the county where the office is located shall forward the registration card to  
27 the county clerk or elections officer of the county in which the applicant resides. The county clerk  
28 or elections officer may reject any registration card in accordance with ORS 247.174. The Secretary  
29 of State shall determine by rule the time and manner the completed registration cards are to be  
30 delivered to the appropriate county clerk or elections officer.

**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        [(4)] (5) The department shall develop a driver license issuance or renewal and voter registra-  
 2 tion application [*procedure*] **form**, [*and*] a state identification card issuance and voter registration  
 3 application [*procedure*] **form** and a change of address and voter registration application [*procedure*]  
 4 **form** that [*allows*] **allow** an applicant for a license, renewal, state identification card or change of  
 5 address to register to vote by providing the information required by ORS 247.171 and the informa-  
 6 tion required for the issuance or renewal of a license or for issuance of a state identification card.  
 7 **A form developed under this subsection must also contain a space for a person to decline to**  
 8 **use the voter registration portion of the form as an application for voter registration.** The  
 9 Secretary of State shall approve the voter registration portion of each [*application procedure and*  
 10 *change of address procedure*] **form**.

11        [(5)] (6) The voter registration portion of an application **form** described in subsection [(4)] (5)  
 12 of this section shall comply with provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L.  
 13 103-31).

14        [(6)] (7) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules establishing procedures for meeting the re-  
 15 quirements of subsection [(3)] (4) of this section.

16        [(7)] (8) Information relating to the failure of [*an applicant*] **a person** under this section to sign  
 17 the voter registration portion of an application **form** for issuance or renewal of a driver license,  
 18 issuance of a state identification card or [*for*] a change of address may not be used for other than  
 19 voter registration purposes.

20        **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 247.017 by section 1 of this 2011 Act become oper-**  
 21 **ative on January 1, 2012.**

22        **SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation or Secretary of State may take any**  
 23 **action before January 1, 2012, that is necessary to enable the department or secretary to**  
 24 **exercise, on and after January 1, 2012, all the duties, functions and powers conferred upon**  
 25 **the department or secretary by the amendments to ORS 247.017 by section 1 of this 2011 Act.**

26        **SECTION 4. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
 27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**  
 28 **on its passage.**