

House Bill 3406

Sponsored by Representative OLSON

SUMMARY

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Requires county clerk to ensure that authorized persons can clearly observe signature verification process for ballots.

Directs Secretary of State to adopt system whereby person may challenge verification of signature.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to verification of signatures; amending ORS 254.482.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 254.482 is amended to read:

5 254.482. (1) After the date that ballots are mailed as provided in ORS 254.470, the county clerk,
6 if requested, shall permit authorized persons to be at the office of the county clerk to watch the
7 receiving and counting of votes.

8 (2) The authorization shall be in writing, shall be signed by an officer or its county affiliate of
9 a political party, a candidate or the county clerk and shall be filed with the county clerk.

10 (3) The county clerk shall permit only so many persons as watchers under this section as will
11 not interfere with an orderly procedure at the office of the county clerk.

12 (4) **The county clerk shall ensure that each person authorized under this section can**
13 **clearly observe signatures being verified, including signatures on return identification en-**
14 **velopes and electors' registration cards.**

15 (5) **The Secretary of State by rule shall adopt a system whereby a person authorized**
16 **under this section may challenge the verification of a signature observed by the person.**

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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.