

Senate Bill 833

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI

SUMMARY

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Prohibits person affiliated with or member of political party from performing care, service or maintenance on voting machine or vote tally system.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to voting equipment; amending ORS 246.550.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 246.550 is amended to read:

5 246.550. (1) The Secretary of State shall publicly examine all makes of voting machines or vote
6 tally systems submitted to the secretary and determine whether the machines or systems comply
7 with the requirements of ORS 246.560, and can safely be used by electors.

8 (2) Any person owning or interested in a voting machine or vote tally system may submit it to
9 the secretary for examination. For the purpose of assistance in examining the machine or system
10 the secretary may employ not more than three individuals who are expert in one or more of the
11 fields of data processing, mechanical engineering and public administration. The compensation of
12 these assistants shall be paid by the person submitting the machine or system.

13 (3) Not later than the 30th day after completing the examination, the secretary shall approve
14 or reject the voting machine or vote tally system. If the secretary approves the machine or system,
15 the secretary shall make a report on the machine or system, together with a written or printed de-
16 scription, drawings and photographs clearly identifying the machine or system and its operation.
17 Upon request, the secretary shall send a copy of the report to any governing body within the state.

18 (4) Any voting machine or vote tally system approved by the secretary may be used for con-
19 ducting elections. A machine or system rejected by the secretary may not be used at any election.
20 If a machine or system is changed after the machine or system has been approved by the secretary,
21 the secretary is not required to reexamine or reapprove the machine or system if the secretary de-
22 termines that the change does not impair the accuracy, efficiency or capacity of the machine or
23 system.

24 (5) If, after consulting with county clerks, the secretary determines that a voting machine or
25 vote tally system approved by the secretary does not comply with the requirements of ORS 246.560,
26 the secretary may revoke the approval. If the secretary revokes approval, the machine or system
27 may not be used in any election.

28 **(6) Care, service or maintenance of a voting machine or vote tally system may not be**
29 **performed by a person who is affiliated with or a member of a political party.**
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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.