

Senate Bill 918

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUMMARY

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Modifies, on general or special election ballot, number of political parties that may be listed opposite name of candidate in certain circumstances.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to cross-nomination of candidates; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 254.135.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 254.135 is amended to read:

5 254.135. (1) The official general or special election ballot shall be styled "Official Ballot" and
6 shall state:

7 (a) The name of the county for which it is intended.

8 (b) The date of the election.

9 (c) The names of all candidates for offices to be filled at the election whose nominations have
10 been made and accepted and who have not died, withdrawn or become disqualified. The ballot may
11 not contain the name of any other person.

12 (d) The number, ballot title and financial estimates under ORS 250.125 of any measure to be
13 voted on at the election.

14 (2) The names of candidates for President and Vice President of the United States shall be
15 printed in groups together, under their political party designations. The names of the electors may
16 not be printed on the general election ballot. A vote for the candidates for President and Vice
17 President is a vote for the group of presidential electors supporting those candidates and selected
18 as provided by law. The general election ballot shall state that electors of President and Vice
19 President are being elected and that a vote for the candidates for President and Vice President shall
20 be a vote for the electors supporting those candidates.

21 (3)(a) The name of each candidate nominated shall be printed upon the ballot in [*but*] **only** one
22 place, without regard to how many times the candidate may have been nominated. The name of [*a*]
23 **one** political party[, *or names of political parties,*] shall be added opposite the name of a candidate
24 for other than nonpartisan office according to the following rules:

25 (A) For a candidate not affiliated with a political party who is nominated by a minor political
26 party, the name of the minor political party shall be added opposite the name of the candidate;

27 (B) For a candidate not affiliated with a political party who is nominated by more than one
28 minor political party, the [*names of not more than three minor political parties*] **name of one minor**
29 **political party** selected by the candidate shall be added opposite the name of the candidate;

30 (C) For a candidate who is a member of a political party who is nominated by a political party
31 of which the candidate is not a member, the name of the political party that nominated the candi-

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1 date shall be added opposite the name of the candidate;

2 (D) For a candidate who is a member of a political party who is nominated by more than one
3 political party of which the candidate is not a member, the [*names of not more than three political*
4 *parties*] **name of one political party** selected by the candidate shall be added opposite the name
5 of the candidate;

6 (E) For a candidate who is nominated only by a political party of which the candidate is a
7 member, the name of the political party of which the candidate is a member shall be added opposite
8 the name of the candidate; and

9 (F) For a candidate who is nominated by a political party of which the candidate is a member
10 and by any political party or parties of which the candidate is not a member, the name of the poli-
11 tical party of which the candidate is a member [*and the names of not more than two other political*
12 *parties selected by the candidate*] shall be added opposite the name of the candidate.

13 (b) If a candidate is required to select the name of a political party to be added on the ballot
14 under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the candidate shall notify the filing officer of the selection
15 not later than the 61st day before the day of the election.

16 (c) The word “incumbent” shall follow the name of each candidate for the Supreme Court, Court
17 of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court or circuit court who is designated the incumbent by the Secretary
18 of State under ORS 254.085.

19 (d) The word “nonaffiliated” shall follow the name of each candidate who is not affiliated with
20 a political party and who is nominated by an assembly of electors or individual electors.

21 (e) If two or more candidates for the same office have the same or similar surnames, the location
22 of their places of residence shall be printed opposite their names to distinguish one from another.

23 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 254.135 by section 1 of this 2011 Act apply to ballots**
24 **for elections held on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act.**

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