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RE: National Voter Registration State Compliance Council report on the National Voter Registration Act of 1993
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I am proud to present this report to the 77th Legislative Assembly on behalf of the National Voter Registration State Compliance Council. During the 2011 Legislative Session, I strongly supported the passage of House Bill 2880.

HB 2880 charged the Council with three tasks:

1. Assess new and evolving federal guidelines for state agencies to implement the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA)
2. Identify steps necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with the NVRA
3. Identify barriers to and research opportunities for ensuring the accuracy, security and efficiency of current voter registration processes at designated voter registration agencies

The goal of the NVRA is to make voter registration more accessible and ensure our voter rolls remains as up-to-date and accurate as possible. According to the NVRA, when Americans apply for services with the DMV, various public assistance agencies, and institutions of higher education, these agencies are required to register their clients to vote unless their clients decline. There are some additional bookkeeping and reporting requirements as well.

The Council makes a number of recommendations to incorporate voter registration in more state programs, improve core business practices, provide new training opportunities, and develop new quality assurance checks.

We have made some significant strides, but our work is not done. I am collaborating with DMV to enable Oregonians who apply for or renew their driver's licenses to be automatically registered to vote unless they decline. I have also submitted House Bill 2198, which would direct NVRA agencies such as DHS and OHA to share change of address information with Elections instead of requiring clients to fill out an entirely new voter registration form. These efforts will reduce the barriers for participation in Oregon and increase the integrity of our elections.

My team and I look forward to working with you to discuss the Council's recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information.

National Voter Registration Act of 1993



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National Voter Registration State Compliance Council

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Summary of recommendations

We focused on low-hanging fruit. We want to make changes to have an impact in the short-term, planning to tackle longer-term projects in the future. If we fully implement these recommendations, we will not only follow the law but also continue to increase our contact with potential voters and update our voter rolls more frequently to ensure their accuracy and security. Our recommendations include:

- Remote transactions: Adopt new policies to offer the opportunity to register to vote for remote transactions, such as, when clients apply for public assistance over the phone, through the mail, and online. This includes registering clients to vote through DHS' online application for public assistance, which is currently in development.
- Change of address: Make it easier to update voter registration by eliminating procedural and technological barriers to updating their clients' voter registration.
- Quality Assurance Audits: Include assessment of NVRA compliance in quality assurance audits for Oregon Health Authority service providers.
- Training: Expand online training opportunities by incorporating a new 15-minute course into new employee training and requiring all employees to take the course annually
- Online applications: As agencies update or launch new computer systems or online application, incorporate voter registration components as required by the NVRA. This may include the Oregon Health Insurance.

Agency representatives on the Council performed a number of self-assessments to arrive at these conclusions and recommendations. We started by closely looking at the federal law and relevant case law and speaking with key stakeholders within their agencies. We followed up their conversations with a survey to all individuals involved with implementing the NVRA in public assistance agencies, from front-line workers to program managers. We shared the results with agency directors, asking for their support for increased training and future program and technological changes. For each impacted DHS and OHA division, we initiated trainings and conversations about full compliance. Lastly, we also formed an advisory group of DHS and OHA representative to develop the appropriate policies and procedures for handling remote transactions, where clients apply, renew, or update their information to receive services online, over the phone, and through the mail.

Elections Division Director Steve Trout has worked with his fellow Election Directors through the National Association of State Election Directors who are also trying to clarify and respond to the unanswered questions about how to implement NVRA's provisions. He plans to continue these conversations.

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I. Background

National Voter Registration Act of 1993

The goal of the NVRA is to increase the number of eligible Americans registered to vote. While the federal legislation affects many Americans, it was specifically designed to lower the barriers to participating in elections for low-income Americans, the elderly, people with disabilities, and young voters.

The NVRA requires a number of state agencies to provide an opportunity for people to register to vote when they apply, renew, or recertify for assistance or when they change their address. There are a few additional reporting and bookkeeping requirements.

The NVRA impacts a number of public agencies including the DMV, any office that provides public assistance or state-funded services to people with disabilities, and Armed Forces recruitment offices. The Oregon University System is also impacted because it was designated an NVRA agency by a previous Secretary of State, and community colleges must follow similar requirements as a result of Senate Bill 951, which was passed in 2007.

Guidelines for implementation

While the NVRA became federal law in 1993, the United States Department of Justice (US DOJ) did not provide guidance to states on how to implement the law until 2009. It is now a priority for US DOJ and the Secretary of State's office. The US DOJ is pursuing litigation to bring a number of states into compliance. So far, the US DOJ has sued Rhode Island and Louisiana with a renewed emphasis on public assistance agencies.

Third-party interest groups also are tracking compliance closely. A coalition of groups including Project Vote sent a letter and public records request to Secretary of State Kate Brown and DHS on August 20, 2012. This coalition has initiated lawsuits in at least 12 states and settled with four others before filing lawsuits.

These cases illustrate some of the evolving requirements of the NVRA. For example, in 2011 a District Court in Rhode Island required public assistance agencies to provide an opportunity to register to vote even for clients requesting services remotely like when customers apply for services online or change their address over the phone.¹ The consent decree also clarified how broad the impact of the NVRA is by requiring private entities that contract with NVRA agencies to provide services must also provide the opportunity to register to vote.

II. Mission of the National Voter Registration State Compliance Council

House Bill 2880, passed in the 2011 legislative session, provided three charges for the Council:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Assess new and developing federal guidelines regarding compliance with the NVRA(b) Identify steps necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with the NVRA |
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¹. "Recent Activities of the Voting Section." *United States Department of Justice*. The United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, March 25 2011. Web. 30 Nov 2012.
http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/vot/nvra/ri_nvra_cd.pdf

(c) Identify barriers to and research opportunities for ensuring the accuracy, security and efficiency of current voter registration processes at designated voter registration agencies

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III. Scope of the Council's work

Shortly after the 2011 legislative session, the Secretary of State's office immediately began working with Governor John Kitzhaber's staff to help make the appropriate appointments to the Council and on January 17, 2012, the Council held its inaugural meeting.

The Council met monthly. Their first task was to look at the federal law, US DOJ's guidance, and recent consent decrees coming out of Rhode Island and Louisiana. These consent decrees are a part of a string of recent litigation and case law that help clarify some aspects of the NVRA.

After speaking with impacted Program Managers and performing self-assessments and gap analyses, it was clear that better communication and training were needed especially around the recently clarified provisions of the law agencies now must implement.

The Council worked with agency stakeholders to draft and send out a survey and received 476 responses. The Council found a couple of themes in the survey results. First was that implementation is inconsistent, sometimes leading to duplicative efforts. For example, some DHS field offices would make multiple offers to register a client to vote in a single visit. In other cases, staffers were overwhelmed by their workload and without training, struggled to ask clients about voter registration and implement NVRA's requirements. A couple of respondents were confused about why NVRA implementation was getting attention. They report that only a handful their clients take them up on the offer to register to vote.

The Council worked with DHS to create a quick, easy-to-use online training. It takes 15 minutes to complete and includes a quiz. Like other annual trainings, workers can receive certification

from their supervisors and the Council is working to incorporate this training in new employee orientation. As more information becomes available and procedures are implemented, DHS will continually update the training. The Council is also looking at ways to incorporate NVRA implementation in the state's quality assurance field visits.

The Council also shared the online training with Program Managers in OHA and DHS impacted by the NVRA. Elections Division Director Steve Trout spoke at each division's monthly Program Manager meeting to make them aware of this new training opportunity and the Council's work.

Finally, DHS and the Oregon Health Insurance Exchange now called Cover Oregon are developing a couple of projects to create an online portal to apply for public assistance. As they make Medicaid eligibility determinations, it is the Council understanding that they will have to provide the opportunity to register to vote online. The Council has initiated contact with the appropriate agencies and started conversations on how these systems can comply with the NVRA. DHS, OHA, and DMV will also notify the Council of future technology projects that may trigger NVRA requirements.

The Council will continue to meet through 2013 and remains committed to see these initiatives through and ensure Oregon is in a position to fully comply with the law.

IV. Status of current agency implementation and management of the National Voter Registration Act

A. Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV)

Voter registration was not new to DMV with passage of the NVRA in 1993. Oregon had its own "motor voter" law since SB 551 passed during the 1977 legislative session. In September of 1993, driver license and ID card issuance and address change processes were redesigned to comply with the requirements of the NVRA. Compliance included making the voter registration application part of the driver license/ID card application form, making sure that procedures included asking license/ID card applicants who were old enough if they wanted to register to vote, and collecting and forwarding the completed registration and address change cards to the appropriate counties for processing.

In April of 2010, DMV received a letter from the Brennan Center for Justice regarding the non-compliance of its address change processes. At that time, all of the address change forms and processes were non-compliant because they did not provide a method of 'opting out' of having the address change used to update the person's voter registration record. By January 1, 2011, all printed address change forms used by DMV had been revised to comply with this requirement, including those available to be printed from the DMV website. Based on 2011 figures, 85% of address changes are received and processed from paper applications.

DMV's online address change process requires some modification to fully comply with the NVRA, since it does not yet include an "opt out" choice and does not automatically send the new address information to Elections Division. Until resources are available in both agencies to bring the online address changes into compliance, DMV has taken steps to make it easier for a person

to update their existing voter registration. At the end of the online change of address process, the website prominently shares a link to Oregon's online voter registration system.

In August 2010, DMV staff provided a number of high-level system-based proposals to the Elections Division. The DMV recognizes significant resources would be needed to achieve full compliance. These changes are on hold pending availability of the necessary resources at both agencies. However, other options may exist to bring the online address change process into compliance. Once the online process allows customers to choose not to have their DMV address change also update their voter registration, then the address change information could be sent to Elections Division in either print form or in a daily batch file. The print option may be simpler to implement from a technological standpoint, but this would be more labor intensive for state and county elections personnel.

B. Department of Human Services

DHS is working to develop and update its policy and procedures to comply with the NVRA. They are updating all benefit applications across the agency to include the NVRA federally required language and all manuals with the current procedures and policy on NVRA as received from the Secretary of State's office. In September 2012, DHS created a non-program specific online training which explains both the background of NVRA and the agency requirements and have invited OHA and county partners to utilize the same training. There is an active work group inclusive of all DHS programs working together to standardize work processes to meet NVRA requirements. As DHS rolls out its online application for public assistance, they are exploring how best to incorporate voter registration. More details can be found in the appendix.

C. Oregon Health Authority

OHA is also working to implement NVRA policy and procedures by adopting online trainings, updating applications and manuals, looking to create quality assurance checks, and working with partners who deliver services to incorporate voter registration.

Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) contracted outreach workers and Healthy Kids grantees and application assisters will all use the applications that contain the federally-required question, "If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?" DMAP and Healthy Kids will need to determine if they are going to be required to track the responses and provide data, or simply answer questions about the voter registration option and then forward the completed application to 5503 where this information will be tracked.

OHA is in the process of revising all applications for public assistance. This will include the 415F application used for TANF, SNAP, Medical, and Employment Related Day Care (ERDC), the 7210 application for medical only, the online application, and the 945 Medical Redetermination form. As each application is revised, the NVRA information is being added.

All client walk-in branches for OHA and DHS across the state should have posters displayed in the lobby, with voter registration forms available.

As for the Statewide Processing Center (a medical only processing center) branch 5503, the leadership team will ensure that staff understand and practice the policy at initial eligibility

and redeterminations and also address changes. This will include the phone bank at 5503, as they will need to ask this question when clients call to change addresses or request a redetermination.

Oregon Health Authority programs in the Public Health Division and the Office of Private Health Partnership are continuing to implement the NVRA effectively (Women, Infants, and Children program have strong systems in place) and where needed, will establish practices for implementation.

More details can be found in the appendix.

D. Oregon University System

Oregon University System (OUS) institutions are engaged in many activities that comply with the National Voter Registration Act and Senate Bill 951 (2007). In particular, SB 951 instructed each of the institutions of postsecondary education listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges to consult with their recognized student governments to adopt a plan which would increase student voter registration and voting in elections. These plans can be found in the appendix.

All OUS institutions have very good process in place and a proactive approach to voter registration efforts. Not only are they compliant with SB 951, but in many cases they far exceed the activities and efforts required. The appendix lists campus-by-campus processes and efforts. Some examples of the effectiveness of these approaches include:

- Southern Oregon University “Class Raps.” It is estimated that 60% of SOU’s voter registrations resulted from members of the Vote Coalition working with faculty to allow 10 minutes of class time to emphasize the importance of registering to vote, and then immediately registering individuals during that class period. They found that registering students during campus move-in days is also successful.
- As of early October 2012 the Associate Students of Portland State University and student volunteers have registered over 5,000 of their peers to vote and worked hard with a coalition of over 20 public colleges and universities to register over 42,000 students to vote—with more students registering every day. That means that 1 in every 50 Oregonians are registered because of the VoteORVote drive.
- At Western Oregon University class presentations and clip boarding is where they received most of their voter registration cards. Like at other institutions, University Housing works with students to grant some access to the residence halls and on campus students.
- Oregon State University reports their voter registration drives and training are working well.
- Eastern Oregon University also conducts “Class Raps” and registers student voters during move in days.

One of the biggest challenges faced by OUS institutions is that with the academic year starting in late September, there is not a lot of time to get the voters registered prior to the deadline for registering. Students expend a lot of energy at the beginning of the fall term in this endeavor.

OUS institutions are always looking for ways to improve their processes and success rate for voter registration. For example:

- Oregon State University plans to start the discussions in spring term to be ready to hit the ground running in late September when students are back on campus.
- Southern Oregon University students are exploring going door-door in the residence halls and canvassing the lines in the bookstore to improve access for student voter registration. Also, students and administrators will be reviewing and possibly revising their Voter Registration and Education policy this year.
- Associated Students of Portland State University plans on continuing to work with administrators to gain access to residence halls and websites.
- Oregon Institute of Technology is continuing with their plan and is considering having their campus newspaper to cover voter registration topics prior to the registration deadline and they will add additional outreach opportunities when and where possible.
- Western Oregon University students have suggested that a letter come from the Office of the President encouraging faculty to allow students to share information some time at the beginning of the class to help their efforts even more. Western Oregon University students indicated they had problems with the on-campus residents not knowing their RSC Box numbers. The Housing office was very helpful by printing a master list of all residents and their RSC numbers to check cards with missing information. There was still some uncertainty if the students who turned them into the county office themselves were going to be able to still get their ballots if the RSC number was not attached.
- All institutions plan on continuing to increase visibility of voter resources and collaborations with student government.

E. Community Colleges

Oregon's 17 community colleges are all actively involved in the campaign of outreach to students to register to vote. While the Oregon University System must comply with both the NVRA and Senate Bill 951, community colleges only have to comply with SB 951.

While each college may move forward with this initiative in its own unique way, there are some commonalities among the colleges. Each community college has incorporated voter registration information and a live link on their college web site. Each community college has been active in voter registration "drives" on their campuses. Most efforts are coordinated by the college associated student government (ASG), and many of the ASGs have created student positions with the specific responsibility of civic engagement and voter registration. Some examples of distinct outreach programs at individual institutions include:

- Classroom chats
- “Pizza and Politics” sessions
- ASG officers carrying voter registration cards with them and discuss voter registration with fellow students
- Facebook: voter registration link and voting reminder posts on student government page
- “Clipboarding and Canvassing” drives with student volunteers reaching out to students in high traffic areas of campus
- Direct to student emails through student portal
- Klamath Community College requested that campus be reinstated as ballot drop site
- Lane Community College is one of the original signatories of *The Democracy Commitment* initiative

Most of the ASGs around the state are actively involved in the Oregon Community Colleges Student Association (OCCSA) and Oregon Student Association (OSA). Through the association with these student groups, a collaborative effort has been enthusiastically embraced throughout the state in a statewide student voter registration effort which includes educating and training of student leaders, developing campaign strategies specific to each college, and fostering healthy competition between ASGs around the state. This effort has resulted in the collection of thousands of voter registrations this fall.

A few colleges coordinate the voter registration efforts through their college public relations offices, without student government involvement. These efforts have been successful in informing students about voter registration and providing easy access to voter registration forms. However, the direct outreach to individual students is limited. A brief summary of each community college’s outreach and engagement is listed in the appendix.

V. Appendix

Appendix A. Department of Human Services

Application forms, paper:

- **APD – Aging and People with Disabilities:** The all program application used by APD and its partner, Area Agency on Aging (AAA), has been updated to include the federally required NVRA language. Work is ongoing to update the Medicaid only application and the application for medically fragile children.
- **OVRS – Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services:** The OVRS program application was updated in June 2012 to include the federally required NVRA language.
- **SSP – Self Sufficiency Programs:** The all program application used by SSP will be modified to include the federally required language at its next scheduled update which is around April 2013. The Medicaid only application used by SSP and owned by Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is scheduled for an update early in 2013 and will include the federally required language.

Online application for benefits, current:

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP):** The current version of the SNAP online application is being modified to add the federally required NVRA language and ask a yes/no question on voter registration.
 - A yes response will open a new window which takes the applicant to www.oregonvotes.org.
 - The link used to reach Oregonvotes.org is unique to DHS and will track the number of applicants who use the DHS online application.
 - Data will be collected which includes the client/applicant name, date of action, and their yes/no response.
 - Applicants will be required to respond either yes or no to voter registration.
- **Medicaid (determined by DHS offices):** The current version of the Medicaid online application is managed by OHA. DHS and OHA are working together to add the required language and reporting elements to the forms.

Online application for benefits, future: A combined SNAP and Medicaid application is planned for release August 31, 2013. This is the first iteration of a future application which will include all DHS programs and all Medicaid programs; the August 2013 version will include 14 of the Medicaid programs administered by DHS.

- The application planned for August 2013 will replace the current SNAP and Medicaid online applications.
- Persons who apply for SNAP and the included Medicaid benefits will be given an opportunity to register to vote before completing the benefit application.
- A “yes” response will open a new window which takes the applicant to www.oregonvotes.org.
- The link used to reach Oregonvotes.org is unique to DHS and will track the number of applicants who use the DHS online application.
- Data on voter registration through the online application will be collected which includes the client/applicant name, date of action, and their yes/no response.
 - Responses will be stored in a linked database system on a rolling 24 month schedule.

- Applicants will be required to respond either yes or no to voter registration.

Training: Computer based training, which is available to every worker at their desk, was completed with the assistance of Secretary of State Elections, and made available to all of DHS, OHA and their partners on September 5, 2012. Training is mandatory for all APD eligibility staff once a year. APD completed in person NVRA training in all offices in March of 2012. As of November 2012, over 500 staff has completed the online training.

Policy manuals and Worker Guides: All policy manuals and worker guides are updated as clarifications are received from the Secretary of State's office.

DHS voter registration process change work group: In response to clarifications about agency process requirements, DHS has formed a work group to create and standardize processes. The work group meets every other month and includes representatives from:

- Aging and People with Disabilities
- Business Transitions, DHS
- Modernization, DHS
- OHA
 - Women, Infants, and Children
 - Medicaid Policy
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- SNAP policy
- Self-Sufficiency
- Training, DHS

The work group is addressing procedures for telephone, email and online application, and address change situations within existing procedures. Finalization of processes is planned for January 2013, with the understanding that changes will be needed as more clarification is received.

APD, SSP, and OHA share similar processes and will make the most changes to their procedures. WIC and OVRS have procedures in place which are meeting NVRA requirements.

Communications: NVRA coordinators for all DHS programs send updates to their field offices and local site coordinators as clarifications are received, or voter registration deadlines approach.

Statewide changes, such as procedure changes for field office workers, are communicated through the DHS transmittal process. APD also uses a monthly newsletter to communicate reminders and deadlines.

Continuing work:

- DHS will continue to work on creating efficient and equitable processes for offering voter registration across the agency.
- DHS modernization is working with the Elections office to ensure future technology solutions meet NVRA requirements.

- DHS coordinators are working to increase awareness of voter registration opportunities within the agency and increase familiarity with the requirements.
- APD is reaching out to the county Developmental Disability offices to train staff and familiarize staff on voter registration.

Appendix B. Oregon Health Authority Office of Reproductive Health

Oregon ContraceptiveCare (CCare) is a family planning Medicaid-waiver program in which clients enroll directly at the clinic site by completing a one-page enrollment form that is then entered into a centralized web-based eligibility database by clinic staff.

- The Reproductive Health (RH) Program rolled-out implementation of the NVRA among our CCare providers on July 1, 2012, after conducting three webinars describing the policy and appropriate procedures to clinic staff.
- Staff added voter registration to the CCare Enrollment Form (see attached for the form)
 - Clinics are required to have all forms and templates on hand to complete the voter registration process.
- NVRA program requirements are detailed in both the Reproductive Health Program Manual and a separate document accessible via the RH Program's website outlining NVRA policies and procedures, including FAQs and ways to order required forms.
- As the RH Program's next step in terms of assuring all policies and procedures are being met, staff may conduct audits or quality control reviews of CCare providers to ensure that the NVRA is being implemented as required.
- RH staff plans to incorporate NVRA practices into clinic review/audit processes.

Office of Private Health Partnerships

The OPHP programs which receive Federal funding that will be impacted are the Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP) and the Federal Medical Insurance Pool (FMIP). The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool (OMIP) does not receive State or Federal funding. OPHP plans to take several steps to ensure our agency is NVRA compliant:

- Post all the needed information and documents to our website to include links to the SOS website.
- Include this information in our member newsletter(s) explaining the NVRA requirements and direct them to our website for further information and application.
- Include the application/declination forms in our enrollment and renewal packets and program application checklists for both OMIP and FMIP
- Designate staff who will be responsible for processing and reporting, train our customer service, eligibility and member account service staffs to include our TPA's key staff on the application process and requirements so they can assist and better serve our members.
- Capture the data and develop a reporting system that lets the Secretary of State's (SOS) office know on a monthly basis how many applications were sent by this office to each of our counties.

OPHP will designate and train staff, have our reporting process in place and make this information available on our website by 1-1-13. We will train our third party administrator and include the required forms in our program(s) enrollment and renewal packets by 2-1-13.

Health Systems Transformation

- Incorporate NVRA in the compliance, oversight, and quality assurance role in order to assure implementation by Oregon's Coordinated Care Organizations.

- Work with Oregon Health Authority's Assistant Attorney General to develop boilerplate language for OHA contracts

Appendix C. Oregon University System

Below are Oregon University System's plans to comply with SB 951.



Eastern Oregon University (EOU), Associated Students of Eastern Oregon University (ASEOU), faculty, and administration have agreed on a process of voter registration and ballot collection. Their goals for voter registration drives are set at an ASEOU Senate meeting with assistance and recommendations from OSA (Oregon Students Association).

- The Vice President for Political affairs contacts the Union County Clerk to secure enough voter registration cards to meet and exceed the goal. ASEOU as a whole works with the VP for Political Affairs to meet the goal and exceed it.
- The ASEOU Vice President for Political Affairs trains the Resident Assistants and Residence Hall Association (RHA) representatives about voting within Residence Halls.
- During move in, ASEOU is allowed to register students to vote at each Residence Hall Main Entrance.
- ASEOU and the Residence Hall Association and staff work together to ensure that residence hall students have the chance to register and are educated on the issues in a non-partisan way.
- ASEOU works with the EOU Athletics Director about the current vote drive and arranges meetings with all the Athletic teams to give all students athletes the opportunity to register to vote and be educated about the current issues and voting. This is done in a non-partisan way. ASEOU interest cards are available for students to fill out applications to be a part of with ASEOU or interest forms to keep abreast of news.
- ASEOU is allowed a table at the athletic events on EOU campus in cooperation with the EOU athletic department.
- At the beginning of Fall Term ASEOU VP for Political Affairs submits 2 email letters to the Provost, one geared towards faculty and one geared towards students. The letters are a welcome back and a voter registration/education promotion letter.
- Before fall term begins when the faculty returns ASEOU is allowed to give a short presentation on voter registration/education and the campaign ASEOU has launched for voter registration/education.
- Before Fall Term begins the ASEOU Vice President for Political Affairs sends an email to the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and the Dean, Colleges of Business and Education. The email has an attachment letter that the Deans send to the entire Faculty in their departments in support of the vote campaign. The letter asks the faculty to email

ASEOU to schedule a time for ASEOU to do a class rap for voter registration and voter education. The letter states that the class raps will be non-partisan.

- The VP for Political Affairs and ASEOU Communications working group members work with the *Voice* student newspaper, KEOL student radio station, EOU Communications Coordinator to advertise the vote campaign.

Oregon TECH

Oregon Tech's mission addresses the development of lifelong learning, citizenry and civic engagement as well as participation in community service learning outcomes for our students. As such, they are intentional regarding encouraging students to become actively engaged in the political process. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Implementation of various educational activities including hosting and participating in student forums related to ballot measures, candidate presentations etc.
- Providing voter registration cards and information regarding voter registration to all students on campus.
- Providing information to students at various times throughout the academic year including ROAD events, Campus Preview Day events, and Orientation and Super Club Sign Up events. Information on how to register to vote includes various choices students can utilize in completing the voter registration process. These include logging on to websites such as www.oregonvotes.org or www.rockthevote.org. In addition voter registration cards are provided to students throughout the year through the ASOIT office. Tabling events are coordinated through the ASOIT office and occur at various high traffic times throughout the year as well. Information regarding how to register to vote, how to change their voting address, etc. is provided.
- ASOIT also provides opportunities for students to participate in voting opportunities; there is an annual election of ASOIT officers and students are encouraged to engage and actively participate in the voting process at the local, state, and national level.

Voter Education & Distribution of Voter Registration Cards are accomplished by:

1. Providing information about registering to vote and the voting process by ASOIT with the primary resource being the Governmental Affairs Officer.
2. Voter registration cards are made available in the Residence Hall, College Union, and the ASOIT office. ASOIT provides not only the voter registration cards, but a secure collection bin in each of these locations.
3. Various displays feature the voter registration cards as well as self help instructions on how to register. The displays also contain the various deadline dates for submission of

voter registration cards along with information on where to turn in the completed cards. Students will also see new fliers each year which encourage their participation in the voter registration process and provide the various web site addresses and current deadline dates.

4. A display appears in the College Union. The ASOIT display encourages voter registration and lists various benefits of voting along with contact information for questions. The display has instructions on how to register to vote and students can find a box of voter registration cards and writing utensils in nearby.
5. Information about registering to vote and voter registration cards are provided each year during various campus events such as the Orientation Opportunity Fair as well as the fall and spring Super Club Sign Up events. This same information appears throughout the year whenever ASOIT participates in a campus event, such as VIP Weekend, Family Weekend, Rock the Vote Barbeques, and Election Barbeques.
6. ASOIT acts as a liaison to Residence Hall Staff and assist them in voter engagement and education efforts. The Governmental Affairs Officer and ASOIT Governmental Affairs Officer serves as resources for implementation.
7. ASOIT currently is in the process of encouraging student participation in the online voter registration process through www.oregonvotes.org. This new effort is an attempt to appeal to our younger voters with technical interest and expertise.
8. ASOIT is currently researching the feasibility of a web link which would take students directly from the OIT home page to the online voter registration process.
9. ASOIT is committed to sharing voter registration processes with a record number of students and this year will institute a new procedure. Voter registration cards will be delivered as well as mailed to the Klamath County Clerk's Office. All paper registration cards will be pre-addressed by ASOIT and either mailed or delivered at ASOIT expense. This process enhances the simplicity of the voter registration process at the local level and assures that all voter registration cards are received within the mandated 5 day deadline.

Availability of Voter Registration Cards is made by:

1. A collection box placed inside the ASOIT office in the College Union (CU 107) with cards collected on a regular basis and forwarded to the Klamath County Clerk within the deadlines stipulated.
2. The Residence Hall Director and staff determine how to best work with the voter registration card process in the traditional hall as well as in the Sustainable Village campus apartments. This includes choosing the best location for advertising and secured voter registration collection boxes. The ASOIT Governmental Affairs Officer serves as a liaison and resource for this process.

3. The ASOIT Governmental Affairs Officer oversees the regular collection of all other voter registration cards from all campus locations.
4. ASOIT ensures that all collection bins are secure and locked.

Voter Registration Training is accomplished by:

1. The ASOIT President receives information from the Oregon Student Association regarding voter registration at the beginning of the academic year. This information is shared with the Governmental Affairs Officer who will work with the rest of the officers and volunteers on campus.
2. All voter registration training is developed and implemented by the ASOIT Board of Directors, with leadership provided by the Governmental Affairs Officer and the ASOIT President.
3. Communication with faculty concerning class voter registration announcements is led by the ASOIT Governmental Affairs Officer. ASOIT officers are committed to encouraging student participation in the voter registration process and partner and participate in a variety of campus events throughout the school year wherein students receive announcements before class, posters and fliers appear on campus, the ASOIT web page is utilized and other social media. Communication includes appeals to register to vote, appeals to become informed citizens and participate in the election process by become informed regarding candidates and issues and voting. In all this communication ASOIT takes a leadership role to assist their fellow students in registering to vote and voting.



Oregon State University (OSU) has developed a comprehensive timeline that articulates its voter registration activities:

February

Coordinate with Secretary of State.

- Secure feedback on OSU Institutionalized Plan for Voter Registration, Education and Get-Out-The Vote.

March

Set Goals

- ASOSU sets voter registration goal of 2,000 students registered by April 24, 2012

April

Campus Communications

- Registrar provides ASOSU with 100 largest classes

- E-Mail from Faculty Senate President to all faculty urging them to respond favorably to requests for class raps from OSU on the importance of voting
- ASOSU contacts professors seeking to schedule class raps
- ASOSU visits every chapter of Panhellenic, Interfraternal and Unified Greek Councils to give a house rap and register students to vote
- ASOSU meets with UHDS to discuss plans for Get Out the Vote (Media and Policy)
- E-mail from President Ray, Faculty Senate President, ASOSU President and SEIU President is sent to all OSU students urging them to vote
- Blackboard includes a reminder to register to vote with relevant information
- OSU homepage includes a link to Secretary of State online voter registration system

May (Oregon Primary)

Get Out the Vote

- Non-partisan ballot information posted in residence halls and around campus
- E-mail from President Ray, Faculty Senate President and ASOSU President is sent to all OSU students urging them to vote
- ASOSU continues voter education activities
- Deadline for Voter Education, GOTV and final ballot submission is May 15th

August

Set Goals

- ASOSU sets voter registration goal of 2,000 students registered by October 16, 2012

September

Coordinate with Secretary of State and Benton County Elections Office

- ASOSU contacts Secretary of State and Jill Van Buren (Benton County) to confirm voter registration regulations, schedules and other issues

Prepare and Conduct Class raps

- Registrar provides ASOSU with list of 100 largest classes for class raps
- Email from Faculty Senate President to all faculty urging them to respond favorably to requests for class raps from OSU on voter registration
- ASOSU contacts professors seeking to schedule and conduct class raps

University Housing and Dining

- Voter registration cards and information distributed via each Resident Assistant at all residence halls before move in day
- Cards are placed in all dining halls and at check-in desks
- Voter Registration cards, FAQs, secure drop boxes and relevant information placed in UHDS Service Centers (located in McNary Dining, West Dining and Weatherford Hall)

Campus Communications

- E-mail from President Ray, Faculty Senate President, ASOSU President, and SEIU President is sent to OSU Community with information about how to register to vote

- OSU homepage includes a link to voter registration (Election: November 6th, Voter Registration Deadline: October 16th)
- ASOSU meets with Barometer to discuss articles and other publicity
- Blackboard includes a reminder to register to vote with relevant information
- ASOSU tables/clip-boards at least 4 hours/week
- E-mail from Provost asking deans to encourage faculty to enable ASOSU voter registration efforts
- ASOSU visits Cultural and Resource Centers to discuss voter registration and how the Centers can get involved

October

Campus Communications

- Class raps and tabling/clip-boarding continues
- ASOSU visits every chapter of Panhellenic, Interfraternal and Unified Greek Councils (after fall recruitment) to give a house rap and register students to vote
- ASOSU meets with UHDS to discuss plans for Get Out the Vote (Media and Policy)
- Blackboard includes a reminder to register to vote with relevant information
- OSU homepage includes a link to Secretary of State online voter registration system

2012 Election Year

- ASOSU conducts voter registration/education activities
- Deadline for Voter Registration is October 16th

November (General Election)

Campus Communications

- Class raps and tabling/clip-boarding continues until election day (November 6th)
- ASOSU meets with UHDS to discuss plans for Get Out the Vote (Media and Policy)
- Blackboard includes a reminder to vote with relevant information
- OSU homepage includes a link to encourage voting

2012 Election Year

- E-mail from President Ray, Faculty Senate President and ASOSU President is sent out to all OSU students urging them to vote
- ASOSU continues voter education activities
- Deadline for Voter Education, GOTV and final ballot submission is November 6th



The Associated Students of Portland State University (ASPSU) and Portland State University (PSU) have drafted and passed a Voter Institutionalization Plan. This plan outlines not only the purpose of voter registration on campus, but also the access ASPSU & student volunteers have to

register students, and the expectations of certain departments to assist in voter registration efforts.

So far, ASPSU has taken the lead on voter registration with organizational support from the Oregon Student Association (OSA) and OSPIRG (Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group). A core team of students and OSA staff have put in hours of work to schedule class presentation, plan and execute residential hall registration events, confirm access to table in places like the bookstore, library, and recreational center, and recruit and train a large team of new volunteers that are now engaged and active on campus. ASPSU also presented at all New Student Orientation Sessions this past summer.

As of early October 2012 ASPSU and student volunteers have registered over 5,000 of their peers to vote and worked hard with a coalition of over 20 public colleges and universities to register over 42,000 students to vote--and they are registering more students every day!

The Associated Students of Portland State University offer a service to students in the form of voter registration drives. Every time PSU students, and the district that PSU resides in, experiences an election, PSU hosts voter registration drives. These efforts help students register at a new address, they call to remind them to vote once they receive their ballots, and they drop off completed ballots at the elections offices. The voter registration drives are coordinated by executive staff and assisted by our interns, trained specifically in vote drives. Specific fall and spring activities include:

- **Classrooms:** Through outreach to faculty, ASPSU schedules visits to nearly 200 classes for each term to talk to students and register them to vote
- **Student Groups:** ASPSU has recruited a team of new student leaders to organize outreach to student groups to register voters
- **Park Blocks/ Gather areas:** ASPSU students engage with students in the PSU Park Blocks and other gathering spaces to register them to vote.
- **Bookstore/Orientations/Events:** ASPSU has worked with administrators to gain access to the campus bookstore, campus orientations & tours, and athletic events as opportunities for voter registration.
- **Residence Halls:** ASPSU has gained access to PSU residence halls for door-to-door canvassing for voter registration.
- **Campus Communications:** ASPSU is cooperating with PSU Communications Department to spread the word about the importance of voter registration through multiple mediums.

At Southern Oregon University (SOU) the Student Vote Coalition, which focuses on registering, educating, and turning out voters between the ages of 18-30, is a non-partisan, statewide coalition including members of the Associated Students of Southern Oregon University, the Oregon Student Association, the Oregon Community College Student Association, and the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group. They have created a policy on how the Student Vote Coalition functions and how it cooperates with Southern Oregon University students, faculty, staff, and administrators during voter registration, education, and turnout drives. The Director of Governmental Affairs for the Associated Students of Southern Oregon University ensures that the policy's expectations are met and guidelines followed. The policy and guidelines address:

Residential Life

- Student Vote Coalition members are allowed to schedule time in the main lobbies and floor lobbies of residence halls before elections in order to remind students to vote.
- The Student Vote Coalition is permitted to schedule time at hall meetings held during the beginning of term(s) to register students to vote and offer any information regarding registration students may need.
- The Student Vote Coalition works to coordinate with members of RHA and the Residential Life staff when organizing education and ballot collection events.
- Members of the coalition will be allowed into the residence halls to hang information about registration deadlines, voter education materials, and other necessary flyers on door handles (after getting the materials approved).
- The Student Vote Coalition is allowed to provide voter information materials to new residents on move-in day by sending members of the coalition to staff information tables in the residential complexes.
- The Student Vote Coalition may contact the Office of Residential Life in order to add information about the voter registration and education process onto information sheets that have been posted on RAs' floors.
- As RAs are valuable resources to their residents, they have the option to be trained (by a member of the Student Vote Coalition) in how to register students to vote during their regular job preparation.
- Secure, unofficial ballot/voter reg. card collection boxes, the contents are collected by the Student Vote Coalition, are located in the Greensprings Office, as well as the mail room in Cascade Complex.
- Blank voter registration cards are made available in the Greensprings Office and the mail room in Cascade Complex.

Resource Centers

- The Student Vote Coalition provides resource centers with promotional materials that can be used to advertise important events and deadlines that relate to voter registration, education, and turnout.

- As resource center staff members are valuable resources to their constituents, they are trained (by a member of the Student Vote Coalition) in how to register students to vote during their regular job preparation.
- The Student Vote Coalition ensures that voter registration cards are always available in SOU's resource centers.
- Secure, unofficial ballot/voter reg. card collection boxes, the contents be collected by the Student Vote Coalition, will be located in each of the resource centers.

SOU Ashland Campus Bookstore

- The Student Vote Coalition is allowed space in the entrance of the SOU Ashland Campus Bookstore in which they can place voter registration and education materials. When appropriate, members of the Student Vote Coalition also staff this space in order to provide information and offer assistance to students registering to vote or seeking education materials.
- The Student Vote Coalition will coordinate with the bookstore to make voter registration and education materials available and visible to students.
- A secure, unofficial ballot/voter reg. card collection box, the contents of which will be collected by the Student Vote Coalition, are placed in the space in the entrance of the bookstore when appropriate.

Enrollment Services Center

- The Student Vote Coalition is allowed to send members to canvass lines in the Enrollment Services Center in order to reach out to students with voter registration and education materials while they await their turn.
- Campus Visibility
- The Student Vote Coalition coordinates with the Enrollment Services Center to make visible in the ESC any promotional materials regarding voter registration, education, and turnout events and deadlines.
- Collection and Tracking
- The Student Vote Coalition is allowed space in the Enrollment Services Center (such as a table) for voter registration and education materials, which may include a secure, unofficial ballot/voter reg. card collection box. Any completed materials are collected and turned in by the Student Vote Coalition.

New Student Orientation

- The Student Vote Coalition collaborates with the coordinator(s) of New Student Orientation each term to designate time during Orientation for announcement(s) of voter registration processes on campus so that new students will have access to the information they need in order to register to vote and locate education materials at SOU.
- The Student Vote Coalition is allowed to have a table (and representatives) at New Student Orientation each term so that new students will have access to voter registration and education materials when they check in for Orientation.
- The coordinator(s) of New Student Orientation works with the Student Vote Coalition to train Orientation leaders to properly register students to vote and to return completed registration cards to the Student Vote Coalition.

- Student Vote Coalition members are responsible for collecting and turning in all voter registration materials once they have been filled out by new students during Orientation.

University Seminar

- As University Seminar classes contain a large amount of new students, the Student Vote Coalition works to maintain consistent communication with University Seminar professors during voter registration and education drives.
- The Student Vote Coalition keeps University Seminar professors updated on opportunities for in-class registration, education, and turnout raps and work to schedule such events with interested professors.
- The Student Vote Coalition works with the University Seminar program to arrange voter registration, education, and turnout events outside of class time if appropriate.
- The Student Vote Coalition provides University Seminar professors with promotional materials regarding voter registration, education, and turnout events and deadlines.
- The Student Vote Coalition turns in any filled out voter registration materials collected during educational and promotional class raps/events arranged with the University Seminar program.

Athletics

- The Student Vote Coalition communicates with the athletics department to arrange appropriate times/meetings to reach out to athletes with voter registration and education materials and information. The coalition works with the department to arrange for representatives of the Student Vote Coalition to make voter registration and education materials available at athletics events if appropriate.
- The Student Vote Coalition provides the athletics department with promotional materials regarding voter registration, education, and turnout events and deadlines.
- The Student Vote Coalition turns in any filled out voter registration materials collected during educational and promotional meetings arranged with the athletics department.



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

The University of Oregon participates in the following activities with regards to voter registration activities:

- Numerous web pages with high student traffic have a ‘register to vote’ link, including the University of Oregon home site for current students (<http://uoregon.edu/current>), the registrar’s office, (<http://registrar.uoregon.edu>), the Division of Student Affairs home page (<http://studentaffairs.uoregon.edu>). DuckWeb, our interactive web application that provides easy access to information for UO students, faculty and staff (<http://duckweb.uoregon.edu>),

and the online A-Z department index (<http://www.uoregon.edu/azindex>) has it listed three different ways: Oregon Voter Registration; Register to Vote; and Voter Registration.

- The Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO), Oregon Student Association (OSA); the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG); are all active participants in the Vote Campaign. These groups have a long and successful history working together as the largest youth voter mobilization effort in the state. The Vote Campaign is assisted annually by units within the Divisions of Student Affairs, Enrollment Management, Academic Affairs and the Office of the President, to get the voter registration message out via email, during class and meeting presentations, as well as via tabling at new-student and beginning of the year events.

For 2012, the Student Vote Coalition was able to get more students registered than ever before at the University of Oregon:

- During move in day, they collaborated with the ASUO executive, UO Housing, and the Division of Student Affairs to register the incoming freshmen. University Housing provided access to incoming freshmen while they were waiting in lines during check-in. The Coalition collected more than 1000 voter registration cards during “Week of Welcome.”
- The Student Vote Coalition also worked with faculty to conduct over 1000 class raps, and received 5495 voter registration cards from the class raps.
- The Coalition tabled 363 hours and received 1276 Voter registration cards.
- OSPIRG, the Bus Project and Rock the Vote also participated
- Social media has been used extensively to remind people to register and when their ballot must be turned in.
- The ASUO is hosting a watch party for the UO students of and have been promoting ballot drop off as we advertise for the watch party.

WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

Western Oregon University (WOU) has a link to the Oregon Voter Registration Form on the WOU home page and on the student affairs web page. The Associated Students of Western Oregon University (ASWOU) has done a limited registration drive where they spoke to some classes and had registration cards available in the student center. A larger effort being planned for this spring and fall as it is an election year.

ASWOU initiates their annual voter registration drive on the first day of Spring Term. They work with the Oregon Student Association to create their vote plan. Currently the ASWOU

Director of State and Federal Affairs has created a core vote team with ten captains that recruit two to twenty student volunteers each. Each team generates their own goals in regards to how many students they would hope to get registered to vote.

In addition to team vote drives, there are passive events to make students aware that the drive is going on, such as a “hand wall” where students who have registered can leave a hand print, making visual representation of how many students have registered with ASWOU. These events run continuously through the first three weeks of spring term.

In conjunction with OSA, ASWOU makes electronic registration available to students through their website.

Two recent newspaper articles point to some of the success that OSA has had in the 2012 election cycle.

ASPSU registers 7,000 student voters this year

Falls short of getting 4,000 students to register during fall term

SHANNA CRANSTON
VANGUARD STAFF

Oregon's college students have registered to vote in record numbers this year.

Close to 51,000 college students registered, a new record for Oregon.

"I'm super excited for the record-breaking Vote or Vote drive, since it shows lawmakers and politicians that students are interested in legislature and the laws that are made," Portland State student body President Tiffany Dollar said.

According to Oregon Student Association Communications Director Dylan Jambrok, OSA had volunteers spread over 21 different campuses around the state. These volunteers spoke at more than 6,000 classes and knocked on more than 2,000 doors, just like what student government leaders did at PSU.

For the 2012 school year, the Associated Students of Portland State University partnered with the Student Vote Coalition for the registration drive and aimed to get 6,000 students registered between the spring primaries and the Oct. 16 voter registration deadline.

ASPSU announced that, for this year, a total of 7,018 students had registered to vote, meeting the organization's goal.

Have you received your ballot in the mail?

Here are some important dates, websites and drop-off locations:

- Oct. 19: Oregon ballots mailed
- Nov. 6: Election Day
- Ballots can be dropped off at any Multnomah County library until 8 p.m. on Election Day
- Oregon online voters' guide: ocrvotes.gov/pages/history/archive/nov/2012/guide/english/guide.html
- Multnomah County online voters' guide: web.multco.us/elections/november/2012-general-election-online-voters-guide
- Official drop box site location: web.multco.us/elections/multnomah-county-official-ballot-drop-sites

In just a two-day period in January, 985 students registered but "were not counted originally as part of the 6,000 student goal (since it was before spring primaries)," Dollar said. "However, that number was added at the end of the fall registry, which brought our total to 6,000." During spring term, 1,699 students were registered, and summer term numbers added up to 720 students.

With the help of the OSA and the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, which make up the SVC, 3,704 students registered at PSU between Viking Days and Oct. 16.

ASPSU just fell short of reaching their fall goal of getting 4,000 students registered.

"We met the overall goal, and that makes me happy and excited, as are the rest of the legislature," Dollar said.

Having 50,000 students registered to vote statewide

is a big deal and means that, now more than ever, students want to vote, Dollar said. Students are of huge interest to candidates, as their votes can really make the difference in elections. In the 2008 presidential election, OSA managed to get 25,000 students registered. The 2010 election saw the registration of 35,000 student voters.

Currently, ASPSU is passing out nonpartisan voter's guides to help students better understand what they are voting for and to explain candidates' positions on issues. Students can pick one up at the ASPSU office in Smith Memorial Student Union, room 117, or look for them around campus.

Of course, students actually must turn in their ballots in order for their votes to qualify, so ASPSU is also planning on reminding everyone to turn in the ballots by Election Day. ■

Oregon leads the nation in young voters

JOSH KELETY
VANGUARD STAFF

As Election Day nears for national, state and local races, candidates are frantically catering to their constituents for their votes and support.

There is one voting bloc that hasn't always been easy to reach: young people.

Numbers show that in recent years, however, students and youth in Oregon have become more engaged in the political process.

Since the 2008 election, some might say the tone of youth political discussion has become more cynical. But this hasn't translated to fewer students showing up to vote on Election Day.

"I would say that the enthusiasm that students are showing in Oregon is much higher than what people think," said Dylan Jambrek, the Oregon Student Association communications director.

A national study by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (a Massachusetts-based research institute) showed that more

people between the ages of 18 and 29 are voting than were 10 years ago.

More specifically, the study showed that the state of Oregon leads the nation in youth voter turnout with 35.7 percent in 2010, followed by North Dakota, South Carolina and Minnesota.

One of the reasons the Oregon youth turnout is so high may be the ease of registering to vote. The state implemented an online registration system in March 2010.

Student government and student advocacy groups like the Associated Students of Portland State University and OSA have also run voter registration drives, contributing to the high turnout, said Tiffany Dollar, PSU's student body president.

ASPSU broke a record last year with 9.32 percent of the student population participating in that year's student government elections.

According to Dollar, one of every 50 registered Oregon voters was registered by university student governments or by the OSA.

Richard Clucas, a professor of political science who teaches several American politics classes at PSU, said it's hard to get young people involved until they've reached a certain age.

Clucas refers any youth cynicism toward government to young people feeling unaddressed by the politicians they elect. "They just see the arguments on television, the debates, the advertisements, and all of them don't seem to be addressing the issues that matter to [young people]," he said.

On the other hand, students are beginning to see the relationship between voting and university-related consequences such as higher tuition and fees, as well as the diversion of funding out of the public education system, Jambrek said.

A 3.4 percent increase in tuition and fees at PSU was announced in June 2012.

"I think students are seeing a big connection in the election and the state of their country and what happens to them on campus," Jambrek said. "I think that we are going to see an overall increase in students voting." ■

Appendix D. Community Colleges

The seventeen community colleges in Oregon are all actively involved in the campaign of outreach to students to register to vote. Most efforts are coordinated by the college associated student government, and many of the ASGs have created student positions with the specific responsibility of civic engagement and voter registration.

The following is a summary of key strategies employed at each community college:



Blue Mountain
Community College

Blue Mountain Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Constitution Day activities



CENTRAL OREGON
community college

Central Oregon Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- The Office of Student Life provides voter registration paper forms to the following campus locations: Enrollment Services, Library, Bookstore, CAP Center (Career, Academic and Personal Counseling), Juniper Residence Hall, the Office of Student Life and the Redmond, Madras and Prineville campuses
- The Office of Student Life emails all credit-seeking students at least two weeks prior to the deadline to register to vote for gubernatorial and presidential elections. Encouraging students to register to vote and provide information about on-campus and online voter registration options
- Constitution Day activities
- Voter registration drives



Chemeketa Community College

- The College began the process of implementing SB 951 with the hiring of a Civic Engagement Coordinator
- A focused campaign directed at Chemeketa students to increase awareness of the political process by focusing on civic responsibility and opportunity to effect change through local, state, and federal elections
- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration drives and classroom visits
- Candidate Visits, Events, and Programming –Speakers have included former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Jeff Merkley, Rep. Kurt Schrader, and many local politicians and candidates. Chemeketa has also hosted the 2008 House District 20 debate, the 2008 Secretary of State Debate, and the 2010 Marion County Home-Rule Charter Debate.



Clackamas Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration drives
- **The Student Life & Leadership Office educates students and staff before major elections in several ways including: signs around campus outlining measures, hosting or partnering with other departments for debates, open forums (Word off Wednesdays, Facts Out Loud), and through inviting candidates to campus.**



Clatsop Community College

- A campus-wide advertising campaign to advise students of voter information through informational flyers and brochures, student newspaper, posters on bulletin boards, academic advisors, campus offices listed above, the college website and voter registration drives
- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system



Columbia Gorge Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration link on student government Facebook page
- Voter registration drives
- ASG officers carry voter registration cards with them and discuss voter registration with fellow students



Klamath Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration drives
- Requested that campus be reinstated as ballot drop site



ACHIEVING DREAMS

Lane Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Constitution Day activities
- Voter registration drives
- One of the original signatories of *The Democracy Commitment* initiative
- Students receive regular electronic communication via their personal myLane accounts with instructions on how to register online or on campus
- Voter registration cards are available at numerous locations on campus including the bookstore, cafeteria, enrollment services, financial aid, study lounges

Linn-Benton

COMMUNITY COLLEGE Linn-Benton Community College

- The VAN (Voter Action Network) Dialer will be used during the “Get Out the Vote” section of the campaign to reach students who opted-in for calls. Students will be reminded of voting deadline and directed to the nearest ballot drop box.
- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration drives and “Clipboard and Canvassing” drives with student volunteers reaching out to students in high traffic areas of campus



Mt. Hood Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration drives and display in high traffic area
- MHCC student leaders conduct presentations to students, informal class” raps”, tabling, etc., during Fall term to register voters and raise awareness of democratic processes.
- ASG hosts a “be | a voter” event during Fall term to further promote voter registration and civic engagement.



Oregon Coast Community College

- Voter registration and information video displays around campus
- Voter registration information on college website with Remember to Register to Vote’ and a ‘Don’t Forget to Vote’ banner with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration drives and displays



Portland Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Announcement regarding voter Registration and information on MyPCC Portal at beginning of each term
- Outreach via email and classroom visits
- Voter registration drives



Rogue Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Register to Vote campaign begins in April and includes table tops, flyers and posters in the major high traffic areas of the cafeteria/snack bars, bookstores, tutoring centers, libraries, mailboxes and student centers



Southwestern Oregon Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter Registration materials provided to students on campus at numerous locations—including Associated Student Government Office, Library, Student Housing, Educational Support Programs Services, and Student First Stop
- Voter registration drives
- Students receive monthly emails to help provide information to students regarding their educational experience, a reminder will be provided to students to register to vote if they have not and to vote during election times



Tillamook Bay Community College

- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration drives



Treasure Valley Community College

- ASG hosts voter education for students in the form of an event each fall during election years (an information table, an outside speaker, a candidate forum, etc.)
- During spring or fall elections, ASG sends e-mail with information about local dropbox locations for ballots
- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration drives



UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Umpqua Community College

- When students receive their student identification card, the students are asked if they have registered to vote and voter registration cards are available at the photo id processing station.
- Voter registration information on college website with link to online voter registration system
- Voter registration drives

Appendix E. Text of House Bill 2880 (2011)

Relating to National Voter Registration Act; creating new provisions; amending ORS 247.208; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act shall be known and may be cited as “The National Voter Registration State Compliance Act.”

SECTION 2. (1) The National Voter Registration State Compliance Council established under this section shall:

(a) Assess new and developing federal guidelines regarding compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

(b) Identify steps necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

(c) Identify barriers to and research opportunities for ensuring the accuracy, security and efficiency of current voter registration processes at designated voter registration agencies under ORS 247.208; and

(d) Identify ways to improve use of current technology.

(2)(a) The council shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to elections, as appropriate, no later than December 1, 2011.

(b) The council may, upon its own determination, submit a report, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to elections, as appropriate, no later than December 1, 2012.

(3) The National Voter Registration State Compliance Council is established within the executive branch of state government, consisting of the following 10 members:

(a) Five members appointed by the Governor to represent designated voter registration agencies under ORS 247.208;

(b) One member appointed by the Governor to represent the Governor;

(c) Two members appointed by the President of the Oregon Association of County Clerks to represent the association;

(d) The Secretary of State or the designee of the secretary; and

(e) The Director of the Elections Division of the Secretary of State’s office.

(4) Staff support for the council shall be provided by the permanent staff of the office of the Governor or the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) The council may receive information from chief information officers from state agencies.

SECTION 3. ORS 247.208 is amended to read:

247.208. (1) The Secretary of State by rule, in accordance with the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31), shall designate agencies as voter registration agencies. Agencies designated may include state, county, city or district offices and federal and nongovernmental offices with the agreement of the federal or nongovernmental offices.

(2) Services required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31) shall be made available in connection with any registration card at each voter registration agency designated by the Secretary of State.

(3) A person providing services referred to in subsection (2) of this section at a voter registration agency shall not:

(a) Seek to influence the political preference or party registration of a person registering to vote;

(b) In accordance with provisions of the Oregon Constitution, display such political preference or party allegiance;

(c) Make any statement to a person registering to vote or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to discourage a person from registering to vote;

(d) Make any statement to a person registering to vote or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the person to believe that a decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits; or

(e) Seek to induce any person to register or vote in any particular manner.

(4) Each state agency required to be designated a voter registration agency under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31) shall, with each application for service or assistance and with each recertification, renewal or change of address form relating to the service or assistance:

(a) Distribute a registration card, including all statements required under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31); and

(b) Provide a form including other information required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31).

(5) Information relating to a declination to register to vote in connection with an application made at an office described in subsection (4) of this section shall not be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

(6) A completed registration card accepted at a voter registration agency designated under this section shall be delivered to a county clerk or the Secretary of State.

(7) At least once each biennium, the Secretary of State shall:

(a) Assess new and developing federal guidelines regarding compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

(b) Identify steps necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

(c) Identify barriers to and research opportunities for ensuring the accuracy, security and efficiency of current voter registration processes at voter registration agencies designated under this section; and

(d) Identify ways to improve use of current technology.

SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2011 Act are repealed on January 2, 2014.

SECTION 5. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.

Appendix F. Text of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993

Sec. 1973gg FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

(a) Findings

The Congress finds that -

- (1) the right of citizens of the United States to vote is a fundamental right;
- (2) it is the duty of the Federal, State, and local governments to promote the exercise of that right; and
- (3) discriminatory and unfair registration laws and procedures can have a direct and damaging effect on voter participation in elections for Federal office and disproportionately harm voter participation by various groups, including racial minorities.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of this subchapter are -

- (1) to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office;
- (2) to make it possible for Federal, State, and local governments to implement this subchapter in a manner that enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for Federal office;
- (3) to protect the integrity of the electoral process; and
- (4) to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.

Sec. 1973gg-1 DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter -

- (1) the term "election" has the meaning stated in section 431(1) of title 2;
- (2) the term "Federal office" has the meaning stated in section 431(3) of title 2;
- (3) the term "motor vehicle driver's license" includes any personal identification document issued by a State motor vehicle authority;
- (4) the term "State" means a State of the United States and the District of Columbia; and
- (5) the term "voter registration agency" means an office designated under section 1973gg-5(a)(1) of this title to perform voter registration activities.

Sec. 1973gg-2. NATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION FOR ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE

(a) In general

Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, notwithstanding any other Federal or State law, in addition to any other method of voter registration provided for under State law, each State shall establish procedures to register to vote in elections for Federal office

- (1) by application made simultaneously with an application for a motor vehicle driver's license pursuant to section 1973gg-3 of this title;
- (2) by mail application pursuant to section 1973gg-4 of this title; and
- (3) by application in person -
 - (A) at the appropriate registration site designated with respect to the residence of the applicant in accordance with State law; and
 - (B) at a Federal, State, or nongovernmental office designated under section 1973gg-5 of this title.

(b) Nonapplicability to certain States

This subchapter does not apply to a State described in either or both of the following paragraphs:

- (1) A State in which, under law that is in effect continuously on and after August 1, 1994, there is no voter registration requirement for any voter in the State with respect to an election for Federal office.
- (2) A State in which, under law that is in effect continuously on and after August 1, 1994, or that was enacted on or prior to August 1, 1994, and by its terms is to come into effect upon the enactment of this subchapter, so long as that law remains in effect, all voters in the State may register to vote at the polling place at the time of voting in a general election for Federal office.

Sec. 1973gg-3 SIMULTANEOUS APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE

(a) In general

- (1) Each State motor vehicle driver's license application (including any renewal application) submitted to the appropriate State motor vehicle authority under State law shall serve as an application for voter registration with respect to elections for Federal office unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration application.
- (2) An application for voter registration submitted under paragraph (1) shall be considered as updating any previous voter registration by the applicant.

(b) Limitation on use of information

No information relating to the failure of an applicant for a State motor vehicle driver's license to sign a voter registration application may be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

(c) Forms and procedures

- (1) Each State shall include a voter registration application form for elections for Federal office as part of an application for a State motor vehicle driver's license.
- (2) The voter registration application portion of an application for a State motor vehicle driver's license -
 - (A) may not require any information that duplicates information required in the driver's license portion of the form (other than a second signature or other information necessary under subparagraph (C));
 - (B) may require only the minimum amount of information necessary to -
 - (i) prevent duplicate voter registrations; and
 - (ii) enable State election officials to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process;
 - (C) shall include a statement that - (i) states each eligibility requirement (including citizenship);
 - (ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement; and
 - (iii) requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury;
 - (D) shall include, in print that is identical to that used in the attestation portion of the application -

(i) the information required in section 1973gg-6(a)(5)(A) and (B) of this title;

(ii) a statement that, if an applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and

(iii) a statement that if an applicant does register to vote, the office at which the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and

(E) shall be made available (as submitted by the applicant, or in machine readable or other format) to the appropriate State election official as provided by State law.

(d) Change of address

Any change of address form submitted in accordance with State law for purposes of a State motor vehicle driver's license shall serve as notification of change of address for voter registration with respect to elections for Federal office for the registrant involved unless the registrant states on the form that the change of address is not for voter registration purposes.

(e) Transmittal deadline

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a completed voter registration portion of an application for a State motor vehicle driver's license accepted at a State motor vehicle authority shall be transmitted to the appropriate State election official not later than 10 days after the date of acceptance.

(2) If a registration application is accepted within 5 days before the last day for registration to vote in an election, the application shall be transmitted to the appropriate State election official not later than 5 days after the date of acceptance.

Sec. 1973gg-4 MAIL REGISTRATION

(a) Form

(1) Each State shall accept and use the mail voter registration application form prescribed by the Federal Election Commission pursuant to section 1973gg-7(a)(2) of this title for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office.

(2) In addition to accepting and using the form described in paragraph (1), a State may develop and use a mail voter registration form that meets all of the criteria stated in section 1973gg-7(b) of this title for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office.

(3) A form described in paragraph (1) or (2) shall be accepted and used for notification of a registrant's change of address.

(b) Availability of forms

The chief State election official of a State shall make the forms described in subsection (a) of this section available for distribution through governmental and private entities, with particular emphasis on making them available for organized voter registration programs.

(c) First-time voters

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2), a State may by law require a person to vote in person if -
 - (A) the person was registered to vote in a jurisdiction by mail; and
 - (B) the person has not previously voted in that jurisdiction.
 - (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply in the case of a person -
 - (A) who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act [42 U.S.C. 1973ff et seq.];
 - (B) who is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under section 1973ee-1(b)(2)(B)(ii) of this title; or
 - (C) who is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other Federal law.
 - (d) Undelivered notices
- If a notice of the disposition of a mail voter registration application under section 1973gg-6(a)(2) of this title is sent by nonforwardable mail and is returned undelivered, the registrar may proceed in accordance with section 1973gg-6(d) of this title.

Sec. 1973gg-5 VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES

(a) Designation

- (1) Each State shall designate agencies for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office.
- (2) Each State shall designate as voter registration agencies -
 - (A) all offices in the State that provide public assistance; and
 - (B) all offices in the State that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities.
- (3)(A) In addition to voter registration agencies designated under paragraph (2), each State shall designate other offices within the State as voter registration agencies.
- (B) Voter registration agencies designated under subparagraph (A) may include -
 - (i) State or local government offices such as public libraries, public schools, offices of city and county clerks (including marriage license bureaus), fishing and hunting license bureaus, government revenue offices, unemployment compensation offices, and offices not described in paragraph (2)(B) that provide services to persons with disabilities; and
 - (ii) Federal and nongovernmental offices, with the agreement of such offices.
- (4)(A) At each voter registration agency, the following services shall be made available:
 - (i) Distribution of mail voter registration application forms in accordance with paragraph (6).
 - (ii) Assistance to applicants in completing voter registration application forms, unless the applicant refuses such assistance.
 - (iii) Acceptance of completed voter registration application forms for transmittal to the appropriate State election official.
- (B) If a voter registration agency designated under paragraph (2)(B) provides services to a person with a disability at the person's home, the

agency shall provide the services described in subparagraph (A) at the person's home.

- (5) A person who provides service described in paragraph (4) shall not -
- (A) seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party registration;
 - (B) display any such political preference or party allegiance;
 - (C) make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to discourage the applicant from registering to vote; or
 - (D) make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the applicant to believe that a decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits.
- (6) A voter registration agency that is an office that provides service or assistance in addition to conducting voter registration shall -
- (A) distribute with each application for such service or assistance, and with each recertification, renewal, or change of address form relating to such service or assistance -
 - (i) the mail voter registration application form described in section 1973gg-7(a)(2) of this title, including a statement that -
 - (I) specifies each eligibility requirement (including citizenship);
 - (II) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement; and
 - (III) requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury; or
 - (ii) the office's own form if it is equivalent to the form described in section 1973gg-7(a)(2) of this title, unless the applicant, in writing, declines to register to vote;
 - (B) provide a form that includes -
 - (i) the question, "If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?";
 - (ii) if the agency provides public assistance, the statement, "Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.";
 - (iii) boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the applicant would like to register or declines to register to vote (failure to check either box being deemed to constitute a declination to register for purposes of subparagraph (C)), together with the statement (in close proximity to the boxes and in prominent type), "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME.";
 - (iv) the statement, "If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private."; and

(v) the statement, "If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with _____", the blank being filled by the name, address, and telephone number of the appropriate official to whom such a complaint should be addressed; and

(C) provide to each applicant who does not decline to register to vote the same degree of assistance with regard to the completion of the registration application form as is provided by the office with regard to the completion of its own forms, unless the applicant refuses such assistance.

(7) No information relating to a declination to register to vote in connection with an application made at an office described in paragraph (6) may be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

(b) Federal Government and private sector cooperation

All departments, agencies, and other entities of the executive branch of the Federal Government shall, to the greatest extent practicable, cooperate with the States in carrying out subsection (a) of this section, and all nongovernmental entities are encouraged to do so.

(c) Armed Forces recruitment offices

(1) Each State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly develop and implement procedures for persons to apply to register to vote at recruitment offices of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(2) A recruitment office of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be considered to be a voter registration agency designated under subsection (a)(2) of this section for all purposes of this subchapter.

(d) Transmittal deadline

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a completed registration application accepted at a voter registration agency shall be transmitted to the appropriate State election official not later than 10 days after the date of acceptance.

(2) If a registration application is accepted within 5 days before the last day for registration to vote in an election, the application shall be transmitted to the appropriate State election official not later than 5 days after the date of acceptance.

Sec. 1973gg-6 REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION

(a) In general

In the administration of voter registration for elections for Federal office, each State shall

(1) ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election -

(A) in the case of registration with a motor vehicle application under section 1973gg-3 of this title, if the valid voter registration form of the applicant is submitted to the appropriate State motor vehicle authority not later than the lesser of 30 days, or the period provided by State law, before the date of the election;

(B) in the case of registration by mail under section 1973gg-4 of this title, if the valid voter registration form of the applicant is postmarked not later than the lesser of 30 days, or the period provided by State law, before the date of the election;

(C) in the case of registration at a voter registration agency, if the valid voter registration form of the applicant is accepted at the voter registration agency not later than the lesser of 30 days, or the period provided by State law, before the date of the election; and

(D) in any other case, if the valid voter registration form of the applicant is received by the appropriate State election official not later than the lesser of 30 days, or the period provided by State law, before the date of the election;

(2) require the appropriate State election official to send notice to each applicant of the disposition of the application;

(3) provide that the name of a registrant may not be removed from the official list of eligible voters except -

(A) at the request of the registrant;

(B) as provided by State law, by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity; or

(C) as provided under paragraph (4);

(4) conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters by reason of -

(A) the death of the registrant; or

(B) a change in the residence of the registrant, in accordance with subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section;

(5) inform applicants under sections 1973gg-3, 1973gg-4, and 1973gg-5 of this title of -

(A) voter eligibility requirements; and

(B) penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter registration application; and

(6) ensure that the identity of the voter registration agency through which any particular voter is registered is not disclosed to the public.

(b) Confirmation of voter registration

Any State program or activity to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of an accurate and current voter registration roll for elections for Federal office -

(1) shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.); and

(2) shall not result in the removal of the name of any person from the official list of voters registered to vote in an election for Federal office by reason of the person's failure to vote, except that nothing in this paragraph may be construed to prohibit a State from using the procedures described in subsections (c) and (d) of this section to remove an individual from the official list of eligible voters if the individual - (A) has not either notified the applicable registrar (in person or in writing) or responded during the period described in subparagraph (B) to the

notice sent by the applicable registrar; and then (B) has not voted or appeared to vote in 2 or more consecutive general elections for Federal office.

(c) Voter removal programs

(1) A State may meet the requirement of subsection (a)(4) of this section by establishing a program under which -

(A) change-of-address information supplied by the Postal Service through its licensees is used to identify registrants whose addresses may have changed; and

(B) if it appears from information provided by the Postal Service that -

(i) a registrant has moved to a different residence address in the same registrar's jurisdiction in which the registrant is currently registered, the registrar changes the registration records to show the new address and sends the registrant a notice of the change by forwardable mail and a postage prepaid pre-addressed return form by which the registrant may verify or correct the address information; or

(ii) the registrant has moved to a different residence address not in the same registrar's jurisdiction, the registrar uses the notice procedure described in subsection (d)(2) of this section to confirm the change of address.

(2)(A) A State shall complete, not later than 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election for Federal office, any program the purpose of which is to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters.

(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not be construed to preclude -

(i) the removal of names from official lists of voters on a basis described in paragraph (3)(A) or (B) or (4)(A) of subsection (a) of this section; or

(ii) correction of registration records pursuant to this subchapter.

(d) Removal of names from voting rolls

(1) A State shall not remove the name of a registrant from the official list of eligible voters in elections for Federal office on the ground that the registrant has changed residence unless the registrant -

(A) confirms in writing that the registrant has changed residence to a place outside the registrar's jurisdiction in which the registrant is registered; or

(B)(i) has failed to respond to a notice described in paragraph (2); and

(ii) has not voted or appeared to vote (and, if necessary, correct the registrar's record of the registrant's address) in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second general election for Federal office that occurs after the date of the notice.

(2) A notice is described in this paragraph if it is a postage prepaid and pre-addressed return card, sent by forwardable mail, on which the registrant may state his or her current address, together with a notice to the following effect:

(A) If the registrant did not change his or her residence, or changed residence but remained in the registrar's jurisdiction, the registrant should

return the card not later than the time provided for mail registration under subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section. If the card is not returned, affirmation or confirmation of the registrant's address may be required before the registrant is permitted to vote in a Federal election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second general election for Federal office that occurs after the date of the notice, and if the registrant does not vote in an election during that period the registrant's name will be removed from the list of eligible voters.

(B) If the registrant has changed residence to a place outside the registrar's jurisdiction in which the registrant is registered, information concerning how the registrant can continue to be eligible to vote.

(3) A voting registrar shall correct an official list of eligible voters in elections for Federal office in accordance with change of residence information obtained in conformance with this subsection.

(e) Procedure for voting following failure to return card

(1) A registrant who has moved from an address in the area covered by a polling place to an address in the same area shall, notwithstanding failure to notify the registrar of the change of address prior to the date of an election, be permitted to vote at that polling place upon oral or written affirmation by the registrant of the change of address before an election official at that polling place.

(2)(A) A registrant who has moved from an address in the area covered by one polling place to an address in an area covered by a second polling place within the same registrar's jurisdiction and the same congressional district and who has failed to notify the registrar of the change of address prior to the date of an election, at the option of the registrant -

(i) shall be permitted to correct the voting records and vote at the registrant's former polling place, upon oral or written affirmation by the registrant of the new address before an election official at that polling place; or

(ii)(I) shall be permitted to correct the voting records and vote at a central location within the same registrar's jurisdiction designated by the registrar where a list of eligible voters is maintained, upon written affirmation by the registrant of the new address on a standard form provided by the registrar at the central location; or

(II) shall be permitted to correct the voting records for purposes of voting in future elections at the appropriate polling place for the current address and, if permitted by State law, shall be permitted to vote in the present election, upon confirmation by the registrant of the new address by such means as are required by law.

(B) If State law permits the registrant to vote in the current election upon oral or written affirmation by the registrant of the new address at a polling place described in subparagraph (A)(i) or (A)(ii)(II), voting at the other locations described in subparagraph (A) need not be provided as options.

(3) If the registration records indicate that a registrant has moved from an address in the area covered by a polling place, the registrant shall, upon oral or written affirmation by the registrant before an election official at that polling place that the registrant continues to reside at the address previously made known to the registrar, be permitted to vote at that polling place.

(f) Change of voting address within a jurisdiction

In the case of a change of address, for voting purposes, of a registrant to another address within the same registrar's jurisdiction, the registrar shall correct the voting registration list accordingly, and the registrant's name may not be removed from the official list of eligible voters by reason of such a change of address except as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

(g) Conviction in Federal court

(1) On the conviction of a person of a felony in a district court of the United States, the United States attorney shall give written notice of the conviction to the chief State election official designated under section 1973gg-8 of this title of the State of the person's residence.

(2) A notice given pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include -

- (A) the name of the offender;
- (B) the offender's age and residence address;
- (C) the date of entry of the judgment;
- (D) a description of the offenses of which the offender was convicted; and
- (E) the sentence imposed by the court.

(3) On request of the chief State election official of a State or other State official with responsibility for determining the effect that a conviction may have on an offender's qualification to vote, the United States attorney shall provide such additional information as the United States attorney may have concerning the offender and the offense of which the offender was convicted.

(4) If a conviction of which notice was given pursuant to paragraph (1) is overturned, the United States attorney shall give the official to whom the notice was given written notice of the vacation of the judgment.

(5) The chief State election official shall notify the voter registration officials of the local jurisdiction in which an offender resides of the information received under this subsection.

(h) Omitted

(i) Public disclosure of voter registration activities

(1) Each State shall maintain for at least 2 years and shall make available for public inspection and, where available, photocopying at a reasonable cost, all records concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of official lists of eligible voters, except to the extent that such records relate to a declination to register to vote or to the identity of a voter registration agency through which any particular voter is registered.

(2) The records maintained pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include lists of the names and addresses of all persons to whom notices described in subsection (d)(2) of this section are sent, and information concerning whether or not each such

person has responded to the notice as of the date that inspection of the records is made.

(j) "Registrar's jurisdiction" defined

For the purposes of this section, the term "registrar's jurisdiction" means -

- (1) an incorporated city, town, borough, or other form of municipality;
- (2) if voter registration is maintained by a county, parish, or other unit of government that governs a larger geographic area than a municipality, the geographic area governed by that unit of government; or
- (3) if voter registration is maintained on a consolidated basis for more than one municipality or other unit of government by an office that performs all of the functions of a voting registrar, the geographic area of the consolidated municipalities or other geographic units.

Sec. 1973gg-7 FEDERAL COORDINATION AND REGULATIONS

(a) In general

The Election Assistance Commission -

- (1) in consultation with the chief election officers of the States, shall prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out paragraphs (2) and (3);
- (2) in consultation with the chief election officers of the States, shall develop a mail voter registration application form for elections for Federal office;
- (3) not later than June 30 of each odd-numbered year, shall submit to the Congress a report assessing the impact of this subchapter on the administration of elections for Federal office during the preceding 2-year period and including recommendations for improvements in Federal and State procedures, forms, and other matters affected by this subchapter; and
- (4) shall provide information to the States with respect to the responsibilities of the States under this subchapter.

(b) Contents of mail voter registration form

The mail voter registration form developed under subsection (a)(2) of this section -

- (1) may require only such identifying information (including the signature of the applicant) and other information (including data relating to previous registration by the applicant), as is necessary to enable the appropriate State election official to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process;
- (2) shall include a statement that -
 - (A) specifies each eligibility requirement (including citizenship);
 - (B) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement; and
 - (C) requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury;
- (3) may not include any requirement for notarization or other formal authentication; and
- (4) shall include, in print that is identical to that used in the attestation portion of the application -
 - (i) the information required in section 1973gg-6(a)(5)(A) and (B) of this title;

- (ii) a statement that, if an applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and
- (iii) a statement that if an applicant does register to vote, the office at which the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.

Sec. 1973gg-9 CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AND PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION

(a) Attorney General

The Attorney General may bring a civil action in an appropriate district court for such declaratory or injunctive relief as is necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(b) Private right of action

- (1) A person who is aggrieved by a violation of this subchapter may provide written notice of the violation to the chief election official of the State involved.
- (2) If the violation is not corrected within 90 days after receipt of a notice under paragraph (1), or within 20 days after receipt of the notice if the violation occurred within 120 days before the date of an election for Federal office, the aggrieved person may bring a civil action in an appropriate district court for declaratory or injunctive relief with respect to the violation.
- (3) If the violation occurred within 30 days before the date of an election for Federal office, the aggrieved person need not provide notice to the chief election official of the State under paragraph (1) before bringing a civil action under paragraph (2).

(c) Attorney's fees

In a civil action under this section, the court may allow the prevailing party (other than the United States) reasonable attorney fees, including litigation expenses, and costs.

(d) Relation to other laws

- (1) The rights and remedies established by this section are in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by law, and neither the rights and remedies established by this section nor any other provision of this subchapter shall supersede, restrict, or limit the application of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.).
- (2) Nothing in this subchapter authorizes or requires conduct that is prohibited by the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.).

Sec. 1973gg-10 CRIMINAL PENALTIES

A person, including an election official, who in any election for Federal office -

- (1) knowingly and willfully intimidates, threatens, or coerces, or attempts to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any person for -
 - (A) registering to vote, or voting, or attempting to register or vote;
 - (B) urging or aiding any person to register to vote, to vote, or to attempt to register or vote; or
 - (C) exercising any right under this subchapter; or
- (2) knowingly and willfully deprives, defrauds, or attempts to deprive or defraud the residents of a State of a fair and impartially conducted election process, by -

(A) the procurement or submission of voter registration applications that are known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent under the laws of the State in which the election is held; or

(B) the procurement, casting, or tabulation of ballots that are known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent under the laws of the State in which the election is held, shall be fined in accordance with title 18 (which fines shall be paid into the general fund of the Treasury, miscellaneous receipts (pursuant to section 3302 of title 31), notwithstanding any other law), or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

Appendix G. Text of Senate Bill 951

Relating to student voters; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Each community college and state institution of higher education listed in ORS 352.002 shall adopt a plan, in consultation with the recognized student government of the college or institution, to increase student voter registration and voting in elections. Each plan shall:

(1) Ensure that all students receive information about voting and the opportunities available on campus to register to vote;

(2) Ensure that all students receive information about activities relating to voting that are prohibited by law and the penalties for those activities;

(3) Address the distribution and collection of voter registration cards, as defined in ORS 247.002, during the first three weeks of each academic term;

(4) Require that voter registration cards be made available in residence halls, campus bookstores, places where students register for classes, financial aid offices and student adviser offices;

(5) Require college and institution administrators to communicate with faculty, staff and students about deadlines for voter registration; and

(6) Include a campus-wide advertising campaign to advise students of the deadline for delivering ballots by mail.

SECTION 2. Each community college and state institution of higher education shall adopt the plan required by section 1 of this 2007 Act not later than February 1, 2008.

SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect July 1, 2007.