

House Bill 2635

Sponsored by Representative HARKER (at the request of Karen Packer) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Allows person selected to fill vacancy in office of precinct committeeperson to vote at organizational meeting of county central committee if person was selected at least 60 days before organizational meeting.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to precinct committeepersons; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 248.026 and
3 248.035.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 248.026 is amended to read:

6 248.026. (1) The members of a county central committee may select a member of the major pol-
7 itical party who is registered in the precinct in which the vacancy exists, or registered in a precinct
8 within the same county adjoining that precinct, to fill a vacancy in the office of precinct com-
9 mitteeperson.

10 (2) When a county central committee votes to select a person to fill a vacancy in the office of
11 precinct committeeperson, the chairperson of the committee shall give written notice to the county
12 clerk of the proposed selection. The selection shall take effect when the county clerk upon timely
13 verification of eligibility, places the name of the person selected on the list of committeepersons.
14 The county clerk shall then send written notice of the selection to the person and the county central
15 committee.

16 (3) A person selected to fill a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeperson may be removed
17 from office at the pleasure of the central committee, but, except as provided in subsection (4) of this
18 section, otherwise shall hold the office for the unexpired term and shall have the powers, duties and
19 privileges of an elected committeeperson.

20 (4) A person selected to fill a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeperson may [*not*]
21 vote:

22 (a) On the election of county central committee officers at the organizational meeting of the
23 committee as provided in ORS 248.035 **if the person was selected at least 60 calendar days be-**
24 **fore the organizational meeting.**

25 (b) [*A person selected to fill a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeperson may vote*] To fill
26 any vacancy in a committee office after the organizational meeting.

27 **SECTION 2.** ORS 248.035 is amended to read:

28 248.035. (1) At the organizational meeting of a county central committee:

29 (a) The officers of the retiring county central committee shall make available to the committee
30 the property, records and funds owned or controlled by the retiring committee.

31 (b) The committee next shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and other officers the com-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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1 mittee considers necessary. The persons elected to the offices need not be members of the county
2 central committee. The committee shall determine the term of each office.

3 (c) Only a newly elected precinct committeeperson, **or a person who was selected to fill a**
4 **vacancy in the office of precinct committeeperson at least 60 calendar days before the or-**
5 **ganizational meeting,** may vote on the election of committee officers.

6 (2) The elected chairperson, within 48 hours of the chairperson's election, shall send a list of the
7 officers of the committee to the county clerk and to the state central committee.

8 (3) Only a newly elected precinct committeeperson, or a person appointed or selected to fill a
9 vacancy in the office of committeeperson, may vote to fill a vacancy in a committee office. Imme-
10 diately before a meeting of the county central committee at which there may be an election to fill
11 a vacancy in a committee office, the chairperson shall obtain from the county clerk a list of com-
12 mittee members. The list shall determine the eligibility of a committeeperson to vote to fill a va-
13 cancy in a committee office.

14 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 248.026 and 248.035 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2013**
15 **Act apply to persons selected to fill a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeperson on**
16 **or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

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