

# A-Engrossed House Bill 3506

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Requires Secretary of State and county clerks to provide voting materials in language other than English to minority language speakers in counties in which either five percent of population or 10,000 citizens are members of single language minority community.]*

*[Requires Secretary of State to allow electors to register as member of language minority community on voter registration website.]*

*[Declares emergency, effective on passage.]*

### **Establishes Task Force on Minority Language Voting Materials.**

**Requires task force to determine best way to ensure that members of large language-minority communities receive voter materials in applicable minority language and to submit report on its findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to rules by October 1, 2014.**

**Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2015 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to bilingual election requirements; and prescribing an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Minority Language Voting Materials is established, consisting of six to nine members appointed as follows:**

**(a) The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee.**

**(b) The Director of the Elections Division, or the director's designee.**

**(c) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate.**

**(d) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

**(e) The Secretary of State and the two members of the Legislative Assembly appointed under paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subsection, based on a majority vote among these three individuals:**

**(A) Shall appoint two county clerks.**

**(B) May appoint one to three additional members to the task force from the community at large. An individual appointed under this subparagraph must be an expert in language issues, community organization or population analysis.**

**(2) The task force shall determine the best way to ensure that members of large language-minority communities receive necessary voter materials in the applicable minority**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 language. In reaching this determination, the task force must analyze:

2 (a) The point at which a language minority community is large enough to warrant voter  
3 materials being published in that language;

4 (b) Which election materials should be provided in one or more minority languages;

5 (c) Whether minority language voter materials should be provided on the Internet, in  
6 printed form or a combination of the two;

7 (d) Whether minority language voter materials should be published at the state or local  
8 level;

9 (e) How translation services should balance accuracy, differences in dialect and price; and

10 (f) How to ensure that the state receives accurate and complete data on the number and  
11 location of individuals who speak minority languages.

12 (3) In addition to the issues set forth in subsection (2) of this section, the task force may  
13 conduct research and make recommendations on any other issue relating to voting, voting  
14 materials or the voting process for language minorities. In conducting its work, the task  
15 force may request assistance from any expert willing to volunteer the expert's time and ex-  
16 pertise to assisting the task force.

17 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction  
18 of business.

19 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members  
20 of the task force.

21 (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

22 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-  
23 ment to become immediately effective.

24 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
25 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

26 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

27 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
28 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative  
29 Assembly related to rules no later than October 1, 2014.

30 (11) The Secretary of State shall provide staff support to the task force.

31 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
32 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other  
33 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and  
34 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions  
35 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to Secretary of State for purposes  
36 of the task force.

37 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
38 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating  
39 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force  
40 consider necessary to perform their duties.

41 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2015  
42 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

43 **SECTION 3.** This 2013 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2013  
44 regular session of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.