

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 150**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “254.195” insert “, 254.470”.

2 On page 2, after line 23, insert:

3 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 254.470 is amended to read:

4 “254.470. (1) The Secretary of State by rule shall establish requirements  
5 and criteria for the designation of places of deposit for the ballots cast in  
6 an election. The rules shall also specify the dates and times the places of  
7 deposit must be open and the security requirements for the places of deposit.  
8 At a minimum, the places designated under this section shall be open on the  
9 date of the election for a period of eight or more hours, but must be open  
10 until at least 8 p.m. At each place of deposit designated under this section,  
11 the county clerk shall prominently display a sign stating that the location  
12 is an official ballot drop site.

13 “(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection, the  
14 county clerk shall mail by nonforwardable mail an official ballot with a re-  
15 turn identification envelope and a secrecy envelope not sooner than the  
16 [18th] **20th** day before the date of an election and not later than the 14th day  
17 before the date of the election, to each active elector of the electoral district  
18 as of the 21st day before the date of the election.

19 “(b) If the county clerk determines that an active elector of the electoral  
20 district as of the 21st day before the date of the election does not receive  
21 daily mail service from the United States Postal Service, the county clerk  
22 shall mail by nonforwardable mail an official ballot with a return identifi-

1 cation envelope and a secrecy envelope to the elector not sooner than the  
2 20th day before the date of an election and not later than the 18th day before  
3 the date of the election.

4 “(c) In the case of ballots to be mailed to addresses outside this state to  
5 electors who are not long-term absent electors, the county clerk may mail  
6 the ballots not sooner than the 29th day before the date of the election.

7 “(3) For an election held on the date of a primary election:

8 “(a) The county clerk shall mail the official ballot of a major political  
9 party to each elector who is registered as being affiliated with the major  
10 political party as of the 21st day before the date of the election.

11 “(b) The county clerk shall mail the official ballot of a major political  
12 party to an elector not affiliated with any political party if the elector has  
13 applied for the ballot as provided in this subsection and that party has pro-  
14 vided under ORS 254.365 for a primary election that admits electors not af-  
15 filiated with any political party.

16 “(c) An elector not affiliated with any political party who wishes to vote  
17 in the primary election of a major political party shall apply to the county  
18 clerk in writing. The application shall indicate which major political party  
19 ballot the elector wishes to receive. Except for electors described in sub-  
20 section (4) of this section, and subject to ORS 247.203, the application must  
21 be received by the county clerk not later than 5 p.m. of the 21st day before  
22 the date of the election.

23 “(d) If the primary election ballot includes city, county or nonpartisan  
24 offices or measures, the county clerk shall mail to each elector who is not  
25 eligible to vote for party candidates a ballot limited to those offices and  
26 measures for which the elector is eligible to vote.

27 “(4) For each elector who updates a voter registration after the deadline  
28 in ORS 247.025, the county clerk shall make the official ballot, the return  
29 identification envelope and the secrecy envelope available either by mail or  
30 at the county clerk’s office or at another place designated by the county

1 clerk. An elector to whom this subsection applies must request a ballot from  
2 the county clerk.

3 “(5) The ballot shall contain the following warning:

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5 Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an  
6 elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting is subject  
7 to a fine.

8 “  
9 “(6) Upon receipt of any ballot described in this section, the elector shall  
10 mark the ballot, sign the return identification envelope supplied with the  
11 ballot and comply with the instructions provided with the ballot. The elector  
12 may return the marked ballot to the county clerk by United States mail or  
13 by depositing the ballot at the office of the county clerk, at any place of  
14 deposit designated by the county clerk or at any location described in ORS  
15 254.472 or 254.474. The ballot must be returned in the return identification  
16 envelope. If the elector returns the ballot by mail, the elector must provide  
17 the postage. A ballot must be received at the office of the county clerk, at  
18 the designated place of deposit or at any location described in ORS 254.472  
19 or 254.474 not later than the end of the period determined under subsection  
20 (1) of this section on the date of the election.

21 “(7) An elector may obtain a replacement ballot if the ballot is destroyed,  
22 spoiled, lost or not received by the elector. Replacement ballots shall be  
23 issued and processed as described in this section and ORS 254.480. The  
24 county clerk shall keep a record of each replacement ballot provided under  
25 this subsection. Notwithstanding any deadline for mailing ballots in sub-  
26 section (2) of this section, a replacement ballot may be mailed, made avail-  
27 able in the office of the county clerk or made available at one central  
28 location in the electoral district in which the election is conducted. The  
29 county clerk shall designate the central location. A replacement ballot need  
30 not be mailed after the fifth day before the date of the election.

1       “(8) A ballot shall be counted only if:  
2       “(a) It is returned in the return identification envelope;  
3       “(b) The envelope is signed by the elector to whom the ballot is issued;  
4 and  
5       “(c) The signature is verified as provided in subsection (9) of this section.  
6       “(9) The county clerk shall verify the signature of each elector on the  
7 return identification envelope with the signature on the elector’s registration  
8 card, according to the procedure provided by rules adopted by the Secretary  
9 of State. If the county clerk determines that an elector to whom a replace-  
10 ment ballot has been issued has voted more than once, the county clerk shall  
11 count only one ballot cast by that elector.  
12       “(10) At 8 p.m. on election day, electors who are at the county clerk’s  
13 office, a place of deposit designated under subsection (1) of this section or  
14 any location described in ORS 254.472 or 254.474 and who are in line waiting  
15 to vote or deposit a voted ballot shall be considered to have begun the act  
16 of voting.”.

