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I urge a no vote on HB 2176 as written. The reasons are as follows”

1. Statute 427.410 that is being changed refers to the eligibility of voters to vote in the election “if the person:

(1) Did not vote for the nomination of such candidates in another state during the six months immediately preceding the person’s request for registration to vote for the nomination of such candidates in the primary election in this state; or

(2) Did not vote for the election of such candidates in another state during the six months immediately preceding the person’s request for registration to vote for the election of such candidates in the general election in this state. “

The presidential race is one thing – local congressional seats are another and state wide senate seats are another. Since we can't verify eligibility requirements in the time given, these races will also now always be in question.

2. Minimal residency requirements must be met – it is an Oregon Constitutional requirement. How will this verification be done? Again – too short for verification. Bad idea. How can someone vote for their congressional seat if we don't know where they live?

Respectfully Submitted,

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