

House Bill 2319

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SUMMARY

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Increases number of Oregon State Bar members appointed to Council on Court Procedures from 12 to 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to civil procedure; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 1.730.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 1.730 is amended to read:

5 1.730. (1) There is created a Council on Court Procedures consisting of:

6 (a) One judge of the Supreme Court, chosen by the Supreme Court.

7 (b) One judge of the Court of Appeals, chosen by the Court of Appeals.

8 (c) Eight judges of the circuit court, chosen by the Executive Committee of the Circuit Judges
9 Association.

10 (d) [*Twelve*] **Fourteen** members of the Oregon State Bar, appointed by the Board of Governors
11 of the Oregon State Bar. The Board of Governors, in making the appointments referred to in this
12 paragraph, shall include but not be limited to appointments from members of the bar active in civil
13 trial practice, to the end that the lawyer members of the council shall be broadly representative of
14 the trial bar and the regions of the state.

15 (e) One public member, chosen by the Supreme Court.

16 (2)(a) A quorum of the council shall be constituted by a majority of the members of the council.
17 If a quorum is present, an affirmative vote by a majority of the members of the council who are
18 present is required for action by the council on all matters other than promulgation of rules under
19 ORS 1.735. An affirmative vote of fifteen members of the council shall be required to promulgate
20 rules pursuant to ORS 1.735.

21 (b) The council shall adopt rules of procedure and shall choose, from among its membership,
22 annually, a chairperson to preside over the meetings of the council.

23 (3)(a) All meetings of the council shall be held in compliance with the provisions of ORS 192.610
24 to 192.690.

25 (b) In addition to the requirements imposed by paragraph (a) of this subsection, with respect to
26 the public hearings required by ORS 1.740 and with respect to any meeting at which final action
27 will be taken on the promulgation, amendment or repeal of a rule under ORS 1.735, the council shall
28 cause to be published or distributed to all members of the bar, at least two weeks before such
29 hearing or meeting, a notice which shall include the time and place and a description of the sub-
30 stance of the agenda of the hearing or meeting.

31 (c) The council shall make available upon request a copy of any rule which it proposes to

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 promulgate, amend or repeal.

2 (4) Members of the Council on Court Procedures shall serve for terms of four years and shall
3 be eligible for reappointment to one additional term, provided that, where an appointing authority
4 has more than one vacancy to fill, the length of the initial term shall be fixed at either two or four
5 years by that authority to accomplish staggered expiration dates of the terms to be filled. Vacancies
6 occurring shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term.

7 (5) Members of the Council on Court Procedures shall not receive compensation for their ser-
8 vices but may receive actual and necessary travel or other expenses incurred in the performance
9 of their official duties as members of the council, as provided in ORS 292.210 to 292.288.

10 **SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of this 2015 Act, the Board of**
11 **Governors of the Oregon State Bar shall appoint two additional members to the Council on**
12 **Court Procedures as provided by the amendments to ORS 1.730 by section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

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