

House Bill 2604

Sponsored by Representative SMITH WARNER; Representatives FAGAN, HOLVEY, KENY-GUYER, NOSSE (Pre-session filed.)

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 **as introduced**.

Allows person who is at least 16 years of age to register to vote.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to age of voter registration; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 247.016 and
3 247.017.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 247.016 is amended to read:

6 247.016. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, an otherwise qualified person who is at least
7 [17] **16** years of age may register to vote.

8 (2) A person who registers to vote under subsection (1) of this section may not vote in an
9 election until the person attains the age of 18 years.

10 **SECTION 2.** ORS 247.017 is amended to read:

11 247.017. (1) The Department of Transportation shall make a voter registration card available to
12 any person at any office of the department where licenses or renewal applications are distributed
13 or received.

14 (2) When a person who is at least [17] **16** years of age applies for issuance or renewal of an
15 Oregon driver license, as defined in ORS 801.245, or issuance of a state identification card under
16 ORS 807.400 or submits a change of address application form at a department office where driver
17 license issuance or renewal applications, state identification card applications or change of address
18 applications are distributed or received, department personnel shall inform the person that the per-
19 son may register to vote at the department office. Department personnel shall ask the applicant
20 whether the applicant is registered to vote at the applicant's current address and if not, whether the
21 applicant would like to register to vote at the department office.

22 (3) Each office shall deliver in a timely manner the completed voter registration cards to the
23 county clerk or elections officer of the county in which the office is located. The county clerk or
24 elections officer of the county where the office is located shall forward the registration card to the
25 county clerk or elections officer of the county in which the applicant resides. The county clerk or
26 elections officer may reject any registration card in accordance with ORS 247.174. The Secretary
27 of State shall determine by rule the time and manner the completed registration cards are to be
28 delivered to the appropriate county clerk or elections officer.

29 (4) The department shall develop a driver license issuance or renewal and voter registration
30 application procedure and a state identification card issuance and voter registration application
31 procedure and a change of address and voter registration application procedure that allows an ap-

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 plicant for a license, renewal, state identification card or change of address to register to vote by
2 providing the information required by ORS 247.171 and the information required for the issuance or
3 renewal of a license or for issuance of a state identification card. The Secretary of State shall ap-
4 prove the voter registration portion of each application procedure and change of address procedure.

5 (5) The voter registration portion of an application described in subsection (4) of this section
6 shall comply with provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31).

7 (6) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules establishing procedures for meeting the requirements
8 of subsection (3) of this section.

9 (7) Information relating to the failure of an applicant under this section to sign the voter reg-
10 istration portion of an application for issuance or renewal of a driver license, issuance of a state
11 identification card or for a change of address may not be used for other than voter registration
12 purposes.

13 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 247.016 and 247.017 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2015**
14 **Act apply to a person who is at least 16 years of age on or after the effective date of this**
15 **2015 Act.**

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