

House Bill 2792

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH (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 elector with inactive registration to activate registration by signing and providing mailing address on initiative or referendum petition.

Requires that signature of elector whose registration is activated by signing petition counts towards meeting petition signature requirements established by law.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to activating elector registration; creating new provisions; amending ORS 250.025; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 247.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) If an elector whose registration is considered inactive under ORS 247.013**
7 **signs and provides a mailing address on an initiative or referendum petition, the signature**
8 **of the elector shall be considered an attempt to update the elector's registration.**

9 **(2)(a) If the address provided as described in subsection (1) of this section matches the**
10 **address of the elector contained in the registration file of the county clerk, the elector's**
11 **registration is considered active.**

12 **(b) If the address provided as described in subsection (1) of this section does not match**
13 **the address of the elector contained in the registration file of the county clerk, the county**
14 **clerk shall treat the information in the same manner as information provided from the**
15 **United States Postal Service under ORS 247.296 (1) and:**

16 **(A) Automatically update the registration of the elector under ORS 247.292; or**

17 **(B) Mail the elector a notice described in ORS 247.563.**

18 **(3) The signature of an elector whose registration is activated under this section shall**
19 **count toward meeting any initiative or referendum signature requirements established by**
20 **law.**

21 **SECTION 3. ORS 250.025 is amended to read:**

22 **250.025. (1) Any elector may sign an initiative or referendum petition for any measure on which**
23 **the elector is entitled to vote, or on which the elector will be entitled to vote if the elector's**
24 **registration is activated under section 2 of this 2015 Act.**

25 **(2) After an initiative or referendum petition is submitted for signature verification, no elector**
26 **who signed the petition may remove the signature of the elector from the petition.**

27 **SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2015 Act and the amendments to ORS 250.025 by section 3**
28 **of this 2015 Act first apply to any petition approved for circulation for the purpose of ob-**
29 **taining signatures of electors on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

30 **SECTION 5. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

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 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.**

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