

House Bill 2855

Sponsored by Representative WHISNANT

SUMMARY

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Extends period of time, from 8 days to 15 days, that individual nominated or elected to public office by write-in votes has to accept nomination or office.

Requires filing officer to deliver by mail and electronic mail form for individual to sign to accept nomination or office.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to write-in nominations; amending ORS 254.548; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 254.548, as amended by section 4, chapter 67, Oregon Laws 2014, and section
4 4, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

5 254.548. (1) An individual nominated or elected to a public office by write-in votes shall sign and
6 file a form indicating that the individual accepts the nomination or office before the filing officer
7 may issue a certificate of nomination or election. The Secretary of State by rule shall prescribe the
8 form to be used under this section.
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10 (2) In the case of an individual nominated or elected by write-in votes to a public office:

11 (a) Not later than the [27th] **20th** day after the election, the filing officer shall prepare and de-
12 liver **by regular and electronic mail** the form described in subsection (1) of this section to the in-
13 dividual;

14 (b) Not later than the 35th day after the election, if the individual accepts the nomination or
15 office, the individual shall sign and file the form with the filing officer; and

16 (c) Not later than the 40th day after the election, if the individual files the form by the deadline
17 specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the filing officer shall prepare and deliver a certificate
18 of nomination or election to the individual and, if applicable, issue a proclamation declaring the
19 election of the candidate to the office.

20 **SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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