

B-Engrossed
House Bill 2974

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dated May 14

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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.

Requires Legislative Assembly [*or Secretary of State*] to hold 10 public hearings throughout state prior to proposing congressional or legislative reapportionment plan, **with at least one hearing held in each congressional district of state and at least one hearing held in areas that experienced largest population shift since previous reapportionment.** Requires Legislative Assembly or Secretary of State, to extent practicable, to hold five public hearings after reapportionment plan is proposed but before plan is adopted, **with at least one hearing held in areas that experienced largest population shifts since previous reapportionment.**

[Requires hearings to be held either throughout state or with use of videoconferencing technologies.]

Requires that notice and provision for public testimony through use of video equipment be provided at all apportionment hearings.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to reapportionment.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 188.010 to**
5 **188.295.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) When apportioning the state into congressional or legislative districts,**
7 **the Legislative Assembly shall hold at least 10 public hearings at locations throughout the**
8 **state prior to proposing a reapportionment plan.**

9 **(2) In addition to the hearings required under subsection (1) of this section, the Legisla-**
10 **tive Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, shall:**

11 **(a) To the extent practicable, hold five public hearings after a reapportionment plan is**
12 **proposed, but before the plan is adopted. The adoption of a reapportionment plan may not**
13 **be delayed by the impracticability of holding one or more of the hearings required under this**
14 **subsection.**

15 **(b) Conduct the hearings required under this subsection either in five different congres-**
16 **sional districts of this state or with the use of videoconferencing technologies that permit**
17 **active citizen participation throughout the state.**

18 **(3) In holding the hearings required under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the**
19 **Legislative Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, must:**

20 **(a) Provide appropriate public notice of the time and location of each hearing;**

21 **(b) Hold at least one hearing required under subsection (1) of this section in each con-**
22 **gressional district of this state;**

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 **(c) Hold at least one hearing required under subsection (1) of this section and one hearing**
2 **required under subsection (2) of this section in areas that have experienced the largest shifts**
3 **in population since the previous reapportionment, and prioritize holding additional public**
4 **hearings in these areas; and**

5 **(d) Permit and make provision for individuals at remote sites throughout the state to**
6 **provide public testimony at the hearings through the use of video equipment.**

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