

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3500

Ordered by the House May 28
Including House Amendments dated May 28

Sponsored by Representative HOYLE

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.

[Provides primary ballot of all major parties to nonaffiliated electors.]

[Permits nonaffiliated elector to vote in primary election of major political party by submitting form stating elector's intent to become affiliated with party and by returning form with completed primary ballot.]

Establishes Task Force on Expanding Access to More Voters in Primary Elections to conduct analysis and determine best method or methods to expand access to more electors in primary elections in Oregon.

Requires task force to submit report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2015.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to elector affiliation with political parties; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Expanding Access to More Voters in Primary**
5 **Elections is established, consisting of 17 members as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

7 **(A) One member from among members of the Senate.**

8 **(B) One member to represent the interests of major political parties in Oregon.**

9 **(C) One member to represent the interests of minor political parties in Oregon.**

10 **(D) One member to represent the interests of electors who are not affiliated with any**
11 **political party.**

12 **(E) One member to represent the interests of the Oregon Association of County Clerks.**

13 **(F) One member to represent the interests of the League of Women Voters of Oregon.**

14 **(b) The Senate Minority Leader shall appoint:**

15 **(A) One member from among members of the Senate; and**

16 **(B) One member to represent the interests of major political parties in Oregon.**

17 **(c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

18 **(A) One member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

19 **(B) One member to represent the interests of major political parties in Oregon.**

20 **(C) One member to represent the interests of minor political parties in Oregon.**

21 **(D) One member to represent the interests of electors who are not affiliated with any**
22 **political party.**

23 **(E) One member to represent the interests of nonpartisan organizations dedicated to in-**

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 **creasing voter registration in Oregon.**

2 **(F) One member to represent the interests of electors in Oregon.**

3 **(d) The House Minority Leader shall appoint:**

4 **(A) One member from among members of the House of Representatives; and**

5 **(B) One member to represent the interests of major political parties in Oregon.**

6 **(e) The Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, shall serve as a member.**

7 **(2) The task force shall conduct an analysis and determine the best method or methods**
8 **to expand access to more electors in primary elections in Oregon.**

9 **(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
10 **of business.**

11 **(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
12 **of the task force.**

13 **(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

14 **(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
15 **ment to become immediately effective.**

16 **(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
17 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

18 **(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

19 **(9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may**
20 **include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative As-**
21 **sembly related to rules no later than December 31, 2015.**

22 **(10) The staff of the Committee Services office of the Legislative Administration Com-**
23 **mittee shall provide staff support to the task force.**

24 **(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**
25 **entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other**
26 **expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and**
27 **amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions**
28 **of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly for**
29 **purposes of the task force.**

30 **(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**
31 **the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating**
32 **to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force**
33 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

34 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.**

35 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
36 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
37 **on its passage.**

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