

# House Bill 3548

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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 **as introduced**.

Prohibits receiving compensation for collecting and returning ballots and assisting electors if compensation is based on number of ballots collected and returned or number of electors assisted. Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to elections; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 260.993.

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

### **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

**(a) "Assisting an elector" includes the following actions by a person other than the elector while in the presence of the ballot of the elector:**

**(A) Reading a ballot to the elector;**

**(B) Directing the elector to read a ballot;**

**(C) Marking the ballot of the elector; or**

**(D) Directing the elector to mark a ballot.**

**(b) "Compensation" includes, but is not limited to, money, goods, services, benefits or promises or offers of employment.**

**(2) A person may not receive compensation for collecting and returning ballots to a county clerk as provided in ORS 254.470 if the compensation is based upon the number of ballots collected and returned.**

**(3) A person may not receive compensation for assisting an elector if the compensation is based upon the number of electors assisted.**

### **SECTION 2.** ORS 260.993 is amended to read:

260.993. (1) The penalty for violation of ORS 260.532 is limited to that provided in ORS 260.532 (6) and (8).

(2) Violation of ORS 247.125 (1), 247.171 (5), 247.420 (2), 253.710, 260.402, 260.555, 260.558, 260.575, 260.645 or 260.665 (2) or (3) involving any action described in ORS 260.665 (2)(d) to (f) or 260.715 is a Class C felony.

(3) Violation of ORS 260.695 (4) **or section 1 (2) or (3) of this 2015 Act** is a Class A misdemeanor.

(4) Violation of ORS 247.171 (6) is a Class C misdemeanor.

**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.