

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2855**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the first semicolon delete the rest of the
2 line and insert “creating new provisions; amending ORS 254.500 and 254.548;
3 and declaring an emergency.”.

4 After line 3, insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part
6 of ORS chapter 254.**

7 **“SECTION 2. (1) A person who wishes to be nominated or elected
8 by write-in votes to a public office other than precinct committeeper-
9 son must file with the filing officer a declaration of intent and request
10 for write-in votes to be tallied. The person must file the declaration
11 and request no later than eight days before the date of the election.
12 The declaration and request must:**

13 **“(a) Certify that the person is legally qualified to assume the duties
14 of the public office; and**

15 **“(b) Provide the electronic mail address of the person.**

16 **“(2) Upon receipt of a declaration and request filed under subsection
17 (1) of this section, the filing officer shall take actions the filing officer
18 deems necessary to determine whether the person filing the declara-
19 tion and request meets the qualifications to assume the duties of the
20 public office. If the filing officer determines that the person meets the
21 qualifications, the filing officer shall ensure that the county clerk
22 counts the write-in votes for the person.**

1 **“(3) If a person does not qualify under subsection (2) of this section**
2 **to have the county clerk count the write-in votes for that person, the**
3 **county clerk may not count any write-in votes cast for that person.**

4 **“(4) As used in this section, ‘filing officer’ has the meaning given**
5 **that term in ORS 254.165.**

6 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 254.500 is amended to read:

7 **“254.500. (1) This section governs the tally of votes cast for persons whose**
8 **names were not printed on the ballot but are written in by electors.**

9 **“(2) Except for the office of precinct committeeperson, the county**
10 **clerk may tally only write-in votes cast for persons who have timely**
11 **filed a declaration of intent and request for write-in votes to be tallied**
12 **under section 2 of this 2015 Act.** All such write-in votes for each office on
13 the ballot shall be tallied together, except as follows:

14 “(a) If the total number of write-in votes for candidates for the same
15 nomination or office equals or exceeds the number of votes cast for any
16 candidate for the same nomination or office on the ballot who appears to
17 have been nominated or elected, the county clerk shall tally all write-in
18 votes cast for the office to show the total number of votes cast for each
19 write-in candidate.

20 “(b) If no names of candidates are printed on the ballot for an office, the
21 county clerk shall tally the votes cast for each candidate for the office who
22 received a vote.

23 “~~[(2)]~~ **(3) No person other than the county clerk, a member of a counting**
24 **board or any other elections official designated by the county clerk may tally**
25 **write-in votes.”.**

26 In line 4, delete “1” and insert “4”.

27 In line 20, delete “2” and insert “5”.

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