

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact
SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Corrects statutory reference to ensure ability of minor political parties to maintain status for 2016 General Election based on number of registered electors as of July 1, 2015. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-1 amendment: Permits minor political parties, who calculate minor party status based on having voter registration equal to at least 1/10 of 1 percent of total votes cast in state or electoral district for all candidates for Governor at most recent election at which candidate for Governor was elected to full term and in of receipt of 1 percent of the vote for statewide office, to utilize total number of votes cast in state or electoral district for Governor at November 4, 2014 General Election, to determine status for November 3, 2020 General Election.

BACKGROUND: A minor party maintains ballot access by maintaining a voter registration equal to at least 1/10 of 1 percent of total votes cast in the state or electoral district for all candidates for Governor at the most recent election at which a candidate for Governor was elected to a full term and receiving 1 percent of the vote for statewide office or by maintaining voter registration equal to 1/2 of 1 percent of the total number of registered electors in the state that are registered as members of the party.

When the Oregon Motor Voter measure was adopted in 2015, the legislation had intended to ensure that minor political parties who maintain their party status based on having a voter registration equal to 1/2 of 1 percent of the total number of registered electors in the state, were able to use the total number of registered voters as of July 1, 2015 for determining status for the 2016 General Election. However, the 2015 measure referenced the incorrect statute in Chapter 248, as a result July 1, 2015 was not established as the date that minor political parties could use to determine status for 2016 General Election. Senate Bill 1501 corrects the statutory reference.