

**B-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 1586**

Ordered by the Senate February 26  
Including Senate Amendments dated February 22 and February 26

Sponsored by Senators DEVLIN, DEMBROW, ROSENBAUM, Representatives HOYLE, LININGER, Senators STEINER HAYWARD, BEYER, MONROE; Senators BURDICK, EDWARDS, GELSER, HASS, MONNES ANDERSON, RILEY, ROBLAN, Representatives BUCKLEY, DOHERTY, KOMP, NOSSE (Presession filed.)

**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.

Directs public universities and community colleges to increase voter registration access and information.

*[Requires state to pay for ballot return envelopes that can be returned by business reply mail for each election held in this state.]*

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to voting; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "school of higher education" means:**

5 **(a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002.**

6 **(b) A community college, as defined in ORS 341.005.**

7 **(2)(a) The Secretary of State shall ensure that within four miles of the main campus of**  
8 **each school of higher education there is at least one location designated as an official ballot**  
9 **drop site under ORS 254.470.**

10 **(b) The requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection applies only to elections**  
11 **held within the electoral district in which the main campus of a school of higher education**  
12 **is located.**

13 **(3) Each school of higher education shall:**

14 **(a) Display a direct link to the Secretary of State's online voter registration tool on the**  
15 **school's Internet website or on any appropriate student-focused digital communication net-**  
16 **work managed by the school.**

17 **(b) Upon the request of the school's official student government or its equivalent, give**  
18 **the student government or its equivalent an opportunity to provide nonpartisan voter regis-**  
19 **tration services:**

20 **(A) As part of student orientation programs held by the school's administration;**

21 **(B) As part of campus welcome events that occur before classes begin each academic**  
22 **term; and**

23 **(C) As part of residence life program activities.**

24 **(c) Upon the request of the school's official student government or its equivalent, provide**  
25 **the student government or its equivalent with an official class schedule and a list of profes-**

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1 sional contact information for school faculty, which may be used for the purpose of seeking  
2 faculty approval for the student government or its equivalent to provide nonpartisan voter  
3 registration classroom presentations.

4 (d) Provide individual students and student groups the opportunity to provide nonpartisan  
5 voter registration services throughout the academic term in any nonreserved public space  
6 on the school's property, provided that the nonpartisan voter registration services conform  
7 to the rules of conduct and rules for reserving space at the school. This paragraph applies  
8 only to students enrolled at the school and does not alter in any way the rights of a person  
9 who is not enrolled as a student at the school.

10 (e) If the school owns and operates any student housing, at least three months prior to  
11 each primary or general election:

12 (A) Obtain from the local county elections office what address information students liv-  
13 ing in on-campus housing must provide in order to receive election ballots in the event a  
14 student chooses to vote using the student's campus address; and

15 (B) Make the information obtained under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph available  
16 to the school's official student government or its equivalent.

17 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2016 Act first applies to the 2017-2018 academic year.

18 SECTION 3. (1) Section 1 of this 2016 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2017.

19 (2) A school of higher education, as defined in section 1 of this 2016 Act, may take any  
20 action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary  
21 for the school to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this  
22 section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the school by section 1 of this  
23 2016 Act.

24 SECTION 4. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
25 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect  
26 on its passage.