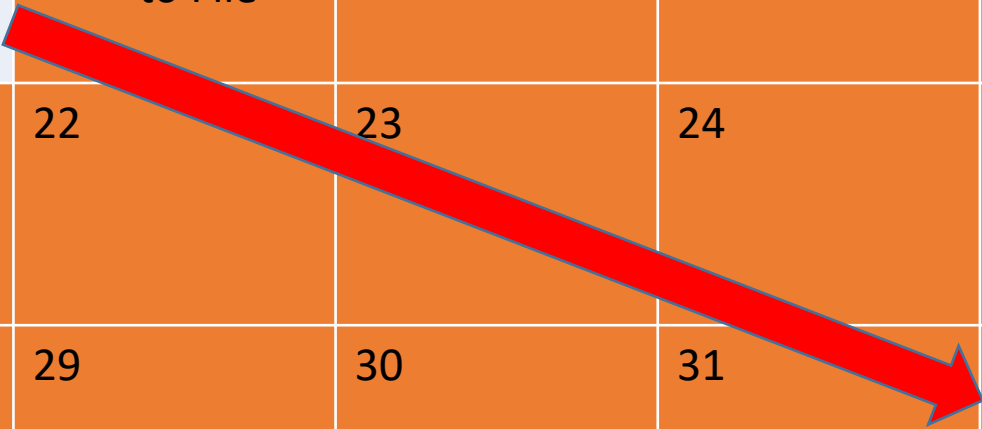


The “Whitsett Bills”

House Bill 2945 and House Bill 2429

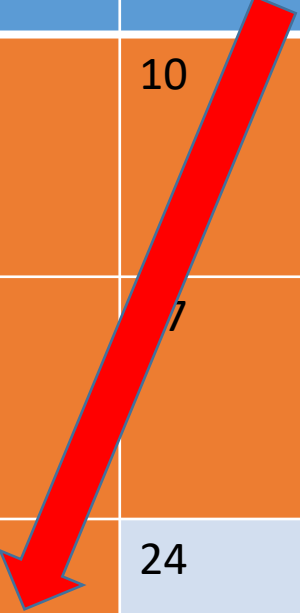
House Bill 2429 Scenario A

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Incumbent Withdraws	15 Last Day to File	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 New Last Day to File	



House Bill 2429 Scenario B

		1	2	3 Incumbent Withdraws	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Last Day to File	23 New Last Day to File	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	



House Bill 2945 Scenario A

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Incumbent Withdraws	8 Incumbent Last Day to File	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Last Day to File*	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	

House Bill 2945 Scenario B

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Incumbent Last Day to File	9	10	11 Incumbent Withdraws	12
13	14	15 Last Day to File*	16 New Last Day to File	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	

Proposed changes

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Any primary candidate withdraws after filing						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Any primary candidate can file.						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Regular Last Day to File*	New Last Day to File*			
27	28	29	30	31	1	

Incumbency and the Oregon Constitution

- ORS 249.037 does not currently include language regarding incumbents.
- Oregon Constitution Article I Section 20 makes it very clear that: “No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens.”
- Adding incumbency to the language of ORS 249.037 does, in fact, make a law granting a privilege to a class of citizens (as incumbents) of changing the filing dates for the primary, which, upon the same terms, does not equally belong to all citizens.