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## SUMMARY

Clarifies that person may register to vote or update voter registration by having other person deliver voter registration card to designated agency or official.

If delivered voter registration card has missing or incomplete information, requires county clerk to use all sources available to obtain missing or incomplete information. If information is still missing or incomplete, requires county clerk to use reasonable efforts to contact person to obtain information at least three times by telephone, mail and electronic mail.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to voter registration; amending ORS 247.012.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 247.012 is amended to read:

247.012. (1) A qualified person may register to vote or update a registration to vote by:

(a) Delivering by mail, **having a person deliver** or otherwise **delivering** a completed registration card to any county clerk, the Secretary of State, any office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208;

(b) Personally delivering, **or having a person deliver**, the card to an official designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

(c) Submitting the person's legal name, age, residence and citizenship information and electronic signature to the Department of Transportation; or

(d) Completing a registration card using the electronic voter registration system described in ORS 247.019.

(2) If a registration card is mailed or delivered to:

1 (a) Any person other than a county clerk or the Secretary of State, the  
2 person shall forward the card to a county clerk or the Secretary of State not  
3 later than the fifth day after receiving the card; or

4 (b) The Secretary of State or a county clerk for a county other than the  
5 county in which the person applying for registration resides, the Secretary  
6 of State or county clerk shall forward the card to the county clerk for the  
7 county in which the person resides not later than the fifth day after receiv-  
8 ing the card.

9 (3) Registration of a qualified person occurs:

10 (a) When a legible, accurate and complete registration card is received in  
11 the office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office  
12 of the Department of Transportation, a designated voter registration agency  
13 under ORS 247.208 or at a location designated by a county clerk under sub-  
14 section (7) of this section;

15 (b) On the date a registration card is postmarked if the card is received  
16 after the 21st day immediately preceding an election but is postmarked not  
17 later than the 21st day immediately preceding the election and is addressed  
18 to an office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an of-  
19 fice of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration  
20 agency as described in ORS 247.208; or

21 (c) In the case of a registration card missing a date of birth, containing  
22 an incomplete date of birth or containing an unintentional scrivener's error  
23 that is supplied or corrected as described in subsection (4) or (6) of this  
24 section, on the date that registration would have occurred if the registration  
25 card had not been missing the date of birth, contained an incomplete date  
26 of birth or contained the scrivener's error.

27 (4)(a) Except as provided in ORS 247.125, if a registration card is legible,  
28 accurate and contains, at a minimum, the registrant's name, residence ad-  
29 dress, date of birth and signature, the county clerk shall register the person.

30 (b) If *[this]* **the information required under paragraph (a) of this**  
31 **subsection** is missing from the registration card or the date of birth is in-

1 complete, the county clerk shall attempt to **obtain the missing or incom-**  
2 **plete information from all sources available to the county clerk,**  
3 **including but not limited to current and previous addresses and phone**  
4 **numbers of the registrant. The county clerk may also supply the**  
5 **registrant's date of birth from any previous registration of the regis-**  
6 **trant. If the missing or incomplete information cannot be obtained**  
7 **from sources available to the county clerk, the county clerk shall use**  
8 **reasonable efforts to contact the [person] registrant by phone, mail and**  
9 **electronic mail to obtain the missing or incomplete information. The**  
10 **county clerk must document at least three attempts to contact the**  
11 **registrant in the manner provided in this paragraph before determin-**  
12 **ing that the county clerk does not have the information necessary to**  
13 **register the person to vote. [The county clerk may supply the registrant's**  
14 *date of birth from any previous registration of the registrant.]*

15 (5) If a registration card meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this  
16 section but is missing an indication of political party affiliation, the regis-  
17 trant shall be considered not affiliated with any political party. This sub-  
18 section does not apply if an elector is updating a registration.

19 (6) If a registration card contains an unintentional scrivener's error, the  
20 county clerk may attempt to contact the person to correct the error.

21 (7) A county clerk may appoint officials to accept registration of persons  
22 at designated locations. The appointments and locations shall be in writing  
23 and filed in the office of the county clerk. The county clerk shall be re-  
24 sponsible for the performance of duties by those appointed.

25 (8) A registration card received and accepted under this section shall be  
26 considered an active registration.

27 (9) A registration may be updated at any time.

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