

SB 1013 -4, -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Secretary of State (SOS), in consultation with Department of Revenue, to conduct study and develop recommendations regarding desirability and effective methods for using tax filings to ensure accuracy of voter addresses included in centralized voter registration system. Requires SOS to submit report detailing recommendations by September 15, 2018. Sunsets study requirements January 2, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 Replaces the measure. Directs SOS to work with Director of Veterans' Affairs to conduct study regarding enhancement and expansion of services provided by county veterans' service officers related to voter registration. Requires SOS to submit recommendations to interim legislative committees on rules by November 13, 2017. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

-5 Replaces the measure. Directs SOS to work with Higher Education Coordinating Commission and Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct study regarding enhancement and expansion of services provided by county veterans' service officers related to voter registration. Requires SOS to submit recommendations to interim legislative committees on rules by January 2, 2018. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was approved by Congress in October 2002 to make reforms to the nation's voting process. The HAVA requires all states to upgrade voting equipment, enhance voting accessibility, provide better voter education and reduce fraud through the implementation of a central voter registration system developed and managed by each state's Chief Election Official.

In accordance with the HAVA, the SOS's office established and maintains a statewide voter registration list through the Oregon Centralized Voter Registration (OCVR) system. The OCVR is the state's official centralized voter registration database system and includes the names, addresses, identification number, political affiliation and voting history of Oregon's registered voters. The OCVR system performs management functions such as signature verification and ballot preparation which are accessible only to certain county and state personnel. In addition, the OCVR system includes interactive functions, such as ballot tracking, for use by voters. The SOS's Elections Division and the county clerks grant and manage access to the system to ensure the security of voter data. Any alterations made to an individual's voter record are documented in an audit trail that is available to system administrators. Governance of the system includes a Change Control Board (Board) which is composed of 12 county and state personnel. The Board advises the Secretary of State on prioritizing improvements and other changes to the system.

Senate Bill 1013 directs the SOS, in consultation with Department of Revenue, to conduct a study and develop recommendations regarding the desirability and effective methods for using tax filings to ensure the accuracy of voter addresses included in the OCVR. In addition, the measure requires the SOS to submit a report detailing the study recommendations to the interim legislative committees on rules by September 15, 2018.