

House Bill 2450

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Allows major political party to maintain status until number of members falls below 2.5 percent of total number of registered electors in state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to maintaining major political party status; amending ORS 248.006.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 248.006 is amended to read:

5 248.006. (1) An affiliation of electors becomes a major political party in this state and is qualified
6 to make nominations at a primary election when a number of electors equal to at least five percent
7 of the number of electors registered in this state are registered as members of the party not later
8 than the 275th day before the date of a primary election. An affiliation of electors satisfying the
9 requirements of this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of ORS 248.007 on the date the
10 Secretary of State determines the registration requirements are satisfied.

11 (2) The number of electors described in subsection (1) of this section shall be calculated based
12 on the number of electors registered in this state and eligible to vote, as reported on the official
13 abstracts of the election, at the general election immediately preceding the deadline specified in
14 subsection (1) of this section.

15 (3) After an affiliation of electors becomes a major political party under subsection (1) of this
16 section, in order to maintain status as a major political party subject to ORS 248.007, **a number**
17 **of electors equal to at least 2.5 percent of the electors registered in this state must be reg-**
18 **istered as members of the party.** The party must satisfy the registration requirement of **this**
19 subsection *[(1) of this section]* not later than the 275th day before each primary election.

20 (4) An affiliation of electors ceases to be a major political party if the registration requirements
21 of subsection *[(1)]* **(3)** of this section are not satisfied by the 275th day before each primary election.
22 The affiliation of electors ceases to be a major political party on the date the Secretary of State
23 determines that the registration requirement is not satisfied.

24 (5) When an affiliation of electors has not satisfied the registration requirement of subsection
25 (1) of this section for the first time, at the request of a representative of the affiliation of electors,
26 the Secretary of State shall determine not less than once each month whether at least five percent
27 of the number of eligible electors registered in this state are registered as members of the party.
28 After an affiliation of electors has qualified as a major political party, the Secretary of State shall
29 determine on the 274th day before each primary election whether the major political party has sat-
30 isfied the registration requirements described in subsection (3) of this section.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
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