

House Bill 3408

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Oregon Student Association)

SUMMARY

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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

1
2 Relating to voter registration; amending ORS 247.012.

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

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

5 247.012. (1) A qualified person may register to vote or update a registration to vote by:

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (b) The Secretary of State or a county clerk for a county other than the county in which the
20 person applying for registration resides, the Secretary of State or county clerk shall forward the
21 card to the county clerk for the county in which the person resides not later than the fifth day after
22 receiving the card.

23 (3) Registration of a qualified person occurs:

24 (a) When a legible, accurate and complete registration card is received in the office of any
25 county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation, a
26 designated voter registration agency under ORS 247.208 or at a location designated by a county
27 clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

28 (b) On the date a registration card is postmarked if the card is received after the 21st day im-
29 mediately preceding an election but is postmarked not later than the 21st day immediately preceding

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

1 the election and is addressed to an office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State,
 2 an office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as de-
 3 scribed in ORS 247.208; or

4 (c) In the case of a registration card missing a date of birth, containing an incomplete date of
 5 birth or containing an unintentional scrivener’s error that is supplied or corrected as described in
 6 subsection (4) or (6) of this section, on the date that registration would have occurred if the regis-
 7 tration card had not been missing the date of birth, contained an incomplete date of birth or con-
 8 tained the scrivener’s error.

9 (4)(a) Except as provided in ORS 247.125, if a registration card is legible, accurate and contains,
 10 at a minimum, the registrant’s name, residence address, date of birth and signature, the county clerk
 11 shall register the person.

12 (b) If *[this]* **the information required under paragraph (a) of this subsection** is missing from
 13 the registration card or the date of birth is incomplete, the county clerk shall attempt to **obtain the**
 14 **missing or incomplete information from all sources available to the county clerk, including**
 15 **but not limited to current and previous addresses and phone numbers of the registrant. The**
 16 **county clerk may also supply the registrant’s date of birth from any previous registration**
 17 **of the registrant. If the missing or incomplete information cannot be obtained from sources**
 18 **available to the county clerk, the county clerk shall use reasonable efforts to** contact the
 19 *[person]* **registrant by phone, mail and electronic mail** to obtain the missing or incomplete infor-
 20 mation. **The county clerk must document at least three attempts to contact the registrant**
 21 **in the manner provided in this paragraph before determining that the county clerk does not**
 22 **have the information necessary to register the person to vote.** *[The county clerk may supply the*
 23 *registrant’s date of birth from any previous registration of the registrant.]*

24 (5) If a registration card meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section but is missing
 25 an indication of political party affiliation, the registrant shall be considered not affiliated with any
 26 political party. This subsection does not apply if an elector is updating a registration.

27 (6) If a registration card contains an unintentional scrivener’s error, the county clerk may at-
 28 tempt to contact the person to correct the error.

29 (7) A county clerk may appoint officials to accept registration of persons at designated locations.
 30 The appointments and locations shall be in writing and filed in the office of the county clerk. The
 31 county clerk shall be responsible for the performance of duties by those appointed.

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

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

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