

# Senate Bill 1012

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Secretary of State to ensure that there is at least one official ballot drop site at each public high school and on campus of each school of higher education.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Secretary of State for purpose of hiring individuals to assist with new drop sites.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to student voting; creating new provisions; amending sections 1, 2 and 3, chapter 114,  
3 Oregon Laws 2016; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 1.** (1) As used in this section, "school of higher education" means:

7 (a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002.

8 (b) A community college, as defined in ORS 341.005.

9 (2)(a) The Secretary of State shall ensure that [*within four miles of the main campus of each*  
10 *school of higher education*] there is at least one location designated as an official ballot drop site  
11 under ORS 254.470 **at each public high school and on each campus of a school of higher edu-**  
12 **cation.**

13 (b) The requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection applies only to elections held  
14 within the electoral district in which the [*main campus of a*] **public high school or** school of higher  
15 education is located.

16 (3) Each school of higher education shall:

17 (a) Display a direct link to the Secretary of State's online voter registration tool on the school's  
18 Internet website or on any appropriate student-focused digital communication network managed by  
19 the school.

20 (b) Upon the request of the school's official student government or its equivalent, give the stu-  
21 dent government or its equivalent an opportunity to provide nonpartisan voter registration services:

22 (A) As part of student orientation programs held by the school's administration;

23 (B) As part of campus welcome events that occur before classes begin each academic term; and

24 (C) As part of residence life program activities.

25 (c) Upon the request of the school's official student government or its equivalent, provide the  
26 student government or its equivalent with an official class schedule and a list of professional contact  
27 information for school faculty, which may be used for the purpose of seeking faculty approval for  
28 the student government or its equivalent to provide nonpartisan voter registration classroom pres-  
29 entations.

**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 (d) Provide individual students and student groups the opportunity to provide nonpartisan voter  
 2 registration services throughout the academic term in any nonreserved public space on the school's  
 3 property, provided that the nonpartisan voter registration services conform to the rules of conduct  
 4 and rules for reserving space at the school. This paragraph applies only to students enrolled at the  
 5 school and does not alter in any way the rights of a person who is not enrolled as a student at the  
 6 school.

7 (e) If the school owns and operates any student housing, at least three months prior to each  
 8 primary or general election:

9 (A) Obtain from the local county elections office what address information students living in  
 10 on-campus housing must provide in order to receive election ballots in the event a student chooses  
 11 to vote using the student's campus address; and

12 (B) Make the information obtained under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph available to the  
 13 school's official student government or its equivalent.

14 **SECTION 2.** Section 2, chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 2.** Section 1, **chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2016**, [of this 2016 Act] first applies to the  
 16 [2017-2018] **2018-2019** academic year.

17 **SECTION 3.** Section 3, chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 3.** (1) Section 1, **chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2016** [of this 2016 Act] becomes operative on  
 19 July 1, [2017] **2018**.

20 (2) **The Secretary of State, a public high school or a school of higher education**, as defined  
 21 in section 1, **chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2016** [of this 2016 Act], may take any action before the  
 22 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the school to exercise,  
 23 on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions  
 24 and powers conferred on the school by section 1, **chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2016** [of this 2016  
 25 Act].

26 **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
 27 **ated to the Secretary of State, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General**  
 28 **Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_, to be allocated to county clerks for the purpose of hiring indi-**  
 29 **viduals to carry out the provisions of section 1, chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2016, as amended**  
 30 **by section 1 of this 2017 Act.**

31 **SECTION 5. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
 32 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**  
 33 **on its passage.**