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SUMMARY

Provides that county clerk shall establish regular business hours of at least 30 hours per work week for receipt and certification of instruments presented for recording. Allows for reduction in certain circumstances.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the office of the county clerk; amending ORS 205.242; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 205.242 is amended to read:

205.242. (1)(a) *[Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, in every county,]* The office of the county clerk **in every county** shall **establish regular business hours** to receive and certify, as required *[by]* **under** ORS 93.620, instruments presented for recording, for a minimum of *[six hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., including the first hour and the last hour, on every day except Saturdays, Sundays and other holidays]* **30 hours per week from Monday through Friday.**

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the county clerk may reduce the minimum of 30 regular business hours per week for any week due to:

(A) A holiday recognized by the county governing body;

(B) Training programs of the office of the county clerk;

(C) A state of emergency declared at the local, state or federal level;

or

(D) Any other event that poses a safety risk to the public and staff

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 **of the office.**

2 (2)(a) [*The provisions of this section may be modified for a fiscal year by*]
3 **Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section**, the county governing
4 body **may modify the regular business hours of the office of the county**
5 **clerk for a fiscal year** upon adoption of a resolution in which [*it*] **the**
6 **governing body** determines in its **sole** discretion that a fiscal emergency
7 exists **in the county**.

8 (b) A resolution adopted under this subsection may be renewed, amended
9 or repealed **by the county governing body**.

10 (c) [*Hours of recording shall*] **The regular business hours established**
11 **under subsection (1) of this section may** not be reduced under [*the*] a re-
12 solution to [*any*] **a greater** extent [*greater*] than the [*reductions for*] **regular**
13 **business hours of** other nonemergency county services housed within the
14 same building **are reduced**.

15 **SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
16 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
17 **clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**