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SUMMARY

Allows county clerk to begin opening and counting mailed ballots upon receipt.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the tallying of ballots; amending ORS 254.478.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 254.478 is amended to read:

254.478. (1) Subject to ORS 260.705 [*and not sooner than the seventh day before the date of an election*], **upon receipt of ballots delivered by mail and received by the county clerk**, the county clerk may:

(a) Begin opening return identification and secrecy envelopes of ballots [*delivered by mail and received by the county clerk*]; and

(b) In accordance with a security plan approved by the Secretary of State under ORS 254.074, begin scanning ballots into a vote tally system.

(2) The county clerk may take any other actions that are necessary to count ballots delivered by mail.