Senate Bill 630

Sponsored by Senator RILEY (at the request of Dan Jensen)

SUMMARY

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Permits chairperson of county central committee or state central committee to send notification of date of anticipated meeting by postal mail or electronic mail.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to central committee meetings; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 248.012, 248.033 and 248.075.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 248.012 is amended to read:

248.012. The chairperson of a county central committee or state central committee shall notify by **postal** mail **or electronic mail** the entire membership of the committee not later than the sixth day before the date of an anticipated meeting. Except for the notice of an organizational meeting of a county central committee, failure to give timely notice of the time, date and place of a meeting shall invalidate the business of the meeting.

SECTION 2. ORS 248.033 is amended to read:

248.033. (1) The organizational meeting of a county central committee shall be held no less frequently than every 25 months.

- (2) The retiring county central committee shall prepare a written notice designating the time, date and place of the meeting and file a copy of the notice with the county clerk not later than the 40th day before the date of the meeting. The retiring county central committee also shall **send by postal mail or electronic** mail a copy of the notice to the state central committee.
- (3) Upon request of a county central committee, the county clerk shall provide the county central committee, without charge, a list of the names, addresses and other contact information, including electronic mail addresses or telephone numbers, of persons holding the office of precinct committeeperson for that major political party on the date the clerk receives notice of an organizational meeting under subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) The chairperson of the retiring county central committee shall **send by postal mail or electronic** mail a copy of the notice of the time, date and place of the meeting, not later than the 10th day before the meeting, to each member of the county central committee. If permitted by the bylaws of the county central committee, the county central committee may notify members by means other than by **postal mail or electronic** mail.

SECTION 3. ORS 248.075 is amended to read:

248.075. (1) The state central committee shall consist of at least two delegates from each county central committee and other delegates from each county equal to the number of party members in the county registered on the date of the primary election divided by 15,000. If the remaining number

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exceeds 7,500, one additional delegate shall represent the county. The delegates and an equal number of alternate delegates shall be selected by the county central committee. When a delegate of a county central committee is unable to attend a meeting of the state central committee, an alternate delegate of the county central committee may attend the meeting.

- (2) The organizational meeting of a newly elected state central committee shall be held on a date to be determined by party rule. The retiring state central committee shall **send by postal mail** or **electronic** mail notice of the meeting, not later than the sixth day before the meeting, to each member of the newly elected state central committee. If permitted by the bylaws of the state central committee, the state central committee may notify members by means other than by **postal mail** or **electronic** mail.
- (3) The chairperson of the retiring state central committee shall **send by postal mail or electronic** mail a notice of the meeting to the county central committees not later than the 45th day before the meeting. The state central committee may not reorganize without the mailing of this notification.
- (4) If a county central committee fails to organize before the organizational meeting of the state central committee, the appointed temporary chairperson of the county central committee may act as the sole delegate from that committee to the state central committee.
- (5) If the retiring state central committee does not mail notice of the organizational meeting under subsection (2) of this section, the meeting may be called by a petition signed by at least 19 chairpersons of the county central committees. The petition shall state the time, date and place of the organizational meeting. A copy of the petition shall be [mailed] sent by postal mail or electronic mail to each newly elected chairperson and vice chairperson of the county central committees not later than the sixth day before the meeting. A copy of the petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4. The amendments to ORS 248.012, 248.033 and 248.075 by sections 1 to 3 of this 2019 Act apply to notifications sent on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.