

Senate Bill 915

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP

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**.

Prohibits Secretary of State and county clerks from engaging in specified campaign activities. Provides exception for nomination or election in which secretary or county clerk is candidate.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to campaign activities.

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

4 **SECTION 2. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 260.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) **"Participate in a political campaign" means to engage in any act done by a candidate,**
7 **or a supporter of a candidate, to obtain a majority or plurality of the votes to be cast toward**
8 **a nomination or in an election.**

9 (b) **"Political management" means the direction or supervision of:**

10 (A) **A partisan political group; or**

11 (B) **A campaign for partisan political office.**

12 (c) **"Primary elections officer" means the Secretary of State or a county clerk.**

13 (2) **Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a primary elections officer may**
14 **not:**

15 (a) **Serve as a member of, or otherwise be directly affiliated with, the principal campaign**
16 **committee of a candidate;**

17 (b) **Use the authority or influence granted by the officer's public office to interfere with**
18 **or affect the result of an election;**

19 (c) **Solicit, accept or receive a contribution from any person on behalf of a candidate;**

20 (d) **Engage in political management; or**

21 (e) **Actively participate in a political campaign.**

22 (3) **Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to a nomination or election for which the**
23 **primary elections officer is a candidate.**

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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.