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Requested by Representative HERNANDEZ

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3310

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete "and".

2 In line 3, after "ORS" insert "249.031, 249.720,".

In line 7, after "341.579" insert "; and prescribing an effective date".

4 Delete lines 9 through 26 and delete pages 2 through 24 and insert:

5 "SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act are added to and made 6 a part of ORS chapter 255.

7 "SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

8 "(1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, 'board

9 of a qualifying district' means:

10 "(A) A district school board as defined in ORS 332.002;

"(B) The board of directors of an education service district as de fined in ORS 334.003; or

<sup>13</sup> "(C) A board as defined in ORS 341.005.

"(b) 'Board of a qualifying district' does not include the board of
 directors of a pilot education service district described in ORS 334.108
 to 334.115.

"(2) 'Polarized voting' means voting in which there is a difference in the choice of candidates or other electoral choices that are preferred by electors in a protected class, and in the choice of candidates or electoral choices that are preferred by electors in the rest of the electorate. "(3) 'Protected class' means a class of electors who are distinguished by race or color or are members of a language minority group,
as the class of electors is referenced and defined in the federal Voting
Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.), as amended, or its successors.

6 "(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, 7 'qualifying district' means:

8 "(A) A school district as defined in ORS 332.002;

9 "(B) An education service district as defined in ORS 334.003; or

10 "(C) A community college district as defined in ORS 341.005.

"(b) 'Qualifying district' does not include a pilot education service
 district described in ORS 334.108 to 334.115.

"(5) 'Qualifying district election' means the nomination and
 election of members of the board of a qualifying district.

"SECTION 3. (1) Notwithstanding ORS chapter 332, 334 or 341 or any
 other provision of law:

"(a) A qualifying district election may not be conducted in a manner that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice or an equal opportunity to influence the outcome of an election as a result of the dilution or abridgment of the rights of electors who are members of that protected class; and

"(b) The board of a qualifying district, in consultation with the county clerk that administers the electoral system of the qualifying district, may authorize a change to the electoral system used by the qualifying district in order to comply with this section. Prior to authorizing a change under this paragraph, the board must take into consideration any recommendations made by the county clerk that administers the electoral system of the qualifying district.

30 "(2) The Secretary of State shall develop and make publicly avail-

1 able on the secretary's Internet website a guide describing:

"(a) The process for an elector to notify the board of a qualifying
district and bring an action alleging that a qualifying district's electoral system fails to comply with this section; and

5 "(b) The options and applicable timelines available to a board and 6 qualifying district that receive a notice described in paragraph (a) of 7 this subsection.

8 "<u>SECTION 4.</u> (1) A qualifying district is in violation of section 3 of 9 this 2019 Act if it is shown that:

"(a) Electors in the qualifying district exhibit polarized voting; and
 "(b) Members of a protected class do not have an equal opportunity
 to elect candidates of their choice or an equal opportunity to influence
 the outcome of an election as a result of the dilution or abridgment
 of the rights of electors who are members of that protected class.

15 "(2) Subject to section 6 of this 2019 Act, a violation of section 3 of 16 this 2019 Act may be alleged by the filing of an action in either the 17 circuit court of Marion County or the circuit court of any county in 18 which the qualifying district is located by an individual who:

19 "(a) Is an elector;

20 "(b) Is a member of a protected class; and

21 "(c) Resides within the boundaries of the qualifying district.

22 "(3) An action filed under this section:

23 "(a) Is subject to the filing fee described in ORS 21.145; and

<sup>24</sup> "(b) Must be tried and decided by a judge.

"(4) The fact that members of a protected class are not geographically compact or concentrated to constitute a majority in a proposed or existing qualifying district may not preclude a judge from finding a violation of section 3 of this 2019 Act but may be a factor in determining an appropriate remedy.

30 "(5) In determining whether polarized voting exists, a court shall

analyze qualifying district elections in which at least one candidate is
a member of a protected class or in which other electoral choices
would affect the rights and privileges of members of a protected class.
Elections conducted prior to the filing of an action under this section
are more probative to establishing the existence of polarized voting
than elections conducted after the filing of an action.

"(6) Proof of intent on the part of electors, elected officials or a
board of a qualifying district to discriminate against a protected class
is not required for a judge to find a violation of section 3 of this 2019
Act.

"(7) Factors that are probative to establishing a violation of section
 3 of this 2019 Act, but that are not necessary to establish a violation,
 include:

14 "(a) A history of discrimination;

15 "(b) The use of voting practices or procedures that may enhance
 16 dilutive effects in elections;

"(c) The denial of access to the processes that determine which
 groups of candidates receive financial support in an election;

"(d) The extent to which members of a protected class bear the effects of past discrimination in areas of education, employment and health in a manner that hinders the ability of members of the protected class to participate effectively in the political process; and

"(e) The use of overt or subtle racial appeals in political campaigns. "(8)(a) If a judge finds that a qualifying district has violated section 3 of this 2019 Act, a court may order any remedy the court determines is necessary to cure the violation, including but not limited to requiring the board of the qualifying district to adopt a new electoral system that is tailored to remedy the violation, in compliance with section 3 (1)(b) of this 2019 Act.

30 "(b) A court order requiring the board of a qualifying district to

1 adopt a new electoral system:

"(A) May not apply to the first qualifying district election held after
the court order; and

"(B) Shall, unless otherwise ordered by the court, apply to qualifying district elections held after the election described in subparagraph
(A) of this paragraph.

"(9) The court shall award any individual who prevails in an action brought under this section reasonable attorney fees, costs and expenses. A qualifying district that prevails in an action brought under this section is not entitled to costs or expenses and may be awarded reasonable attorney fees only if a judge finds that the action was brought in bad faith or for purposes of harassment.

"SECTION 5. (1) The board of a qualifying district that intends to change the electoral system of the qualifying district in order to remedy a potential violation of section 3 of this 2019 Act, or in order to comply with a court order requiring the board of a qualifying district to remedy a violation of section 3 of this 2019 Act, shall, prior to voting on whether to adopt the proposed new electoral system:

"(a) Provide public notice to residents of the qualifying district
 about the proposed remedy to a violation or potential violation of
 section 3 of this 2019 Act.

"(b)(A) Hold at least two public hearings over a period of not more than 60 calendar days in which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the qualifying district or the board of the qualifying district. Before conducting these hearings, the board of the qualifying district may conduct outreach to the public, including to non-English-speaking communities, to explain the proposed electoral system and encourage public participation.

"(B) The public hearings conducted under this paragraph must be
 conducted before a draft map or draft maps of the proposed qualifying

1 district boundaries is drawn.

2 "(c) Make publicly available:

"(A) The draft map or draft maps of the proposed qualifying district
boundaries;

5 "(B) The methodology used to establish the draft map or draft maps
6 of the qualifying district boundaries; and

7 "(C) The potential sequence of elections if terms of office for
8 members of the board of the qualifying district are staggered.

9 "(d) Hold at least two public hearings over a period of not more 10 than 60 calendar days in which the public is invited to provide input 11 regarding the content of the draft map or draft maps and, if applica-12 ble, the proposed sequence of elections.

"(e)(A) Make publicly available the final version of the map or maps to be voted on by the board of the qualifying district and the methodologies used to establish the final version of the map or maps. The materials described in this subparagraph must be made publicly available no later than seven days before the map or maps will be considered by the board of the qualifying district.

"(B) If a map made publicly available under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is subsequently altered, the revised map and methodologies used to establish the revised map shall be made publicly available for at least seven days before the revised map will be considered by the board of the qualifying district.

"(2) If the board of a qualifying district votes to change the elec toral system of the qualifying district under this section, the new
 electoral system:

"(a) May not apply to the first qualifying district election held after
the vote by the board of a qualifying district; and

"(b) Shall apply to qualifying district elections held after the
 election described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

"(3) In carrying out the actions described in subsection (1) of this
section, the board of a qualifying district shall consult with the county
clerk that administers the electoral system of the qualifying district
and take into consideration any recommendations made by the county
clerk.

6 "<u>SECTION 6.</u> (1) An individual who meets the qualifications set 7 forth in section 4 (2) of this 2019 Act and who intends to file an action 8 alleging a qualifying district's electoral system fails to comply with 9 section 3 of this 2019 Act shall first notify the board of the qualifying 10 district by certified mail. The notice shall:

11 "(a) Be in writing;

"(b) Identify and provide contact information for the individual who
 intends to file the action;

"(c) Identify the protected class whose members do not have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice or an equal opportunity to influence the outcome of an election because of alleged vote dilution or abridgement or polarized voting; and

"(d) Include a proposed remedy to cure the alleged violation of
 section 3 of this 2019 Act.

"(2) An individual who sends notice under subsection (1) of this
section may not commence an action under section 4 of this 2019 Act
to enforce compliance with section 3 of this 2019 Act within 90 days
of the receipt of the notice by the board of the qualifying district.

"(3) Within 90 days of receiving a notice sent under subsection (1) of this section, the board of a qualifying district may pass a resolution outlining its intention to alter its electoral system in order to ensure compliance with section 3 of this 2019 Act. A resolution passed under this subsection shall set forth:

"(a) The specific steps the board of a qualifying district will take
 to comply with section 3 of this 2019 Act; and

"(b) The time frame for accomplishing the steps set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

"(4) If the board of a qualifying district passes a resolution under subsection (3) of this section within 90 days of receiving a notice sent under subsection (1) of this section, the individual who sent the notice under subsection (1) of this section may not commence an action to enforce compliance with section 3 of this 2019 Act within 90 days of passage of the resolution.

9 "(5)(a) If, following receipt of a notice sent under subsection (1) of 10 this section, the board of a qualifying district passes a resolution es-11 tablishing a new electoral system in order to comply with section 3 of 12 this 2019 Act, the individual who sent the notice may make a demand 13 for reimbursement of the costs incurred by the individual in conduct-14 ing the research necessary to file the action. A demand made under 15 this subsection must:

16 "(A) Be in writing;

"(B) Be received by the board of a qualifying district within 30 days
of the board passing the resolution; and

"(C) Include financial documentation, such as a detailed invoice for
 demographic services, that support the demand.

"(b) The board of a qualifying district may request additional documentation if the documentation provided under paragraph (a) of this
subsection is insufficient for the board to corroborate the claimed
costs.

"(6)(a) In response to a demand for reimbursement made under
subsection (5) of this section, the board of a qualifying district shall,
within 60 days of receiving the demand:

"(A) Reimburse the reasonable costs of the individual who sent the
 notice; or

30 "(B) Reimburse the individual who sent the notice in an amount

1 mutually agreed to by the parties.

"(b) If more than one individual files a demand for reimbursement
under subsection (5) of this section, the board of a qualifying district
shall, within 60 days of receiving each demand:

6 "(A) Reimburse the reasonable costs of each individual who sent the
6 notice; or

"(B) Reimburse each individual who sent the notice in an amount
mutually agreed to by the parties.

9 "(c)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, 10 the total amount of moneys that the board of a qualifying district 11 shall reimburse pursuant to demands for reimbursement made under 12 subsection (5) of this section may not exceed \$30,000.

"(B) The total amount of moneys that the board of a qualifying
district shall reimburse pursuant to demands for reimbursement made
under subsection (5) of this section may not exceed \$5,000 if the qualifying district is a school district, as defined in ORS 332.002, that has
500 or fewer students.

18 "SECTION 7. ORS 249.031 is amended to read:

"249.031. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a nomi nating petition or declaration of candidacy shall contain:

"(a) The name by which the candidate is commonly known. A candidate
may use a nickname in parentheses in connection with the candidate's full
name.

<sup>24</sup> "(b) Address information as required by the Secretary of State by rule.

25 "(c) The office and department or position number, if any, for which the 26 candidate seeks nomination.

"(d) If the candidate is seeking the nomination of a major political party, the name of the major political party of which the candidate will have been a member, subject to the exceptions stated in ORS 249.046, during at least 180 days before the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration 1 of candidacy.

"(e) A statement that the candidate is willing to accept the nomination
or election or, regarding a candidate for precinct committeeperson, that the
candidate accepts the office if elected.

5 "(f) A statement that the candidate will qualify if elected.

6 "(g) If the candidate is seeking the nomination of a major political party, 7 a statement that the candidate, if not nominated, will not accept the nomi-8 nation or endorsement of any political party other than the one of which the 9 candidate is a member on the date the petition or declaration is filed.

10 "(h) The signature of the candidate.

11 "(i) A statement of the candidate's occupation, educational and occupa-12 tional background and prior governmental experience.

"(2) Subsection (1)(i) of this section does not apply to a candidate for
 election as a precinct committeeperson.

"(3) The Secretary of State shall ensure that the templates for a
nominating petition or declaration of candidacy provide the candidate
with the option to provide the candidate's race and ethnicity.

"[(3)] (4) A declaration of candidacy shall include a statement that the
required fee is included with the declaration.

"[(4)] (5) If required by the national rules of the major political party, the declaration of a candidate for election as a precinct committeeperson shall include the name of the individual the candidate supports for President of the United States or 'uncommitted' or 'no preference.'

<sup>24</sup> "SECTION 8. ORS 249.720 is amended to read:

<sup>25</sup> "249.720. (1) A certificate of nomination shall contain:

"(a) The name by which the candidate is commonly known. A candidate
may use a nickname in parentheses in connection with the full name.

<sup>28</sup> "(b) Address information as required by the Secretary of State by rule.

"(c) The office, and department or position number if any, for which the
candidate is nominated.

1 "(d) The name of the minor political party, if any, that nominated the 2 candidate.

"(e) If the candidate is nominated for a partisan office by an assembly of electors or individual electors, the word 'nonaffiliated' and a statement that the candidate has not been a member of a major or minor political party during at least 180 days before the deadline for filing the certificate of nomination.

8 "(f) A statement that the candidate will qualify if elected.

9 "(g) The signature of the candidate.

"(h) A statement of the candidate's occupation, educational and occupa tional background and prior governmental experience.

"(2) The Secretary of State shall ensure that the template for a
 certificate of nomination provides the candidate with the option to
 provide the candidate's race and ethnicity.

<sup>15</sup> "[(2)] (3) For certificates of nomination of candidates for electors of <sup>16</sup> President and Vice President of the United States, the names of the candi-<sup>17</sup> dates for President and Vice President the candidates represent may be added <sup>18</sup> to the name of the minor political party or the word 'nonaffiliated,' as the <sup>19</sup> case may be. The names of all the candidates of a minor political party, or <sup>20</sup> nonaffiliated candidates, for electors of President and Vice President may <sup>21</sup> be upon the same certificate of nomination.

"(3)] (4) A certificate of nomination made by an assembly of electors 22shall be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the nominating 23convention of the assembly. A certificate of nomination made by a minor 24political party shall be signed by an officer of the party. An affidavit shall 25be made on the certificate by the presiding officer and secretary of the 26nominating convention of the assembly or by the officer of the minor poli-27tical party and signed and acknowledged by them before a notary public. The 28affidavit shall be that the statements in the certificate of nomination and 29 related documents are true. With respect to an assembly of electors, the af-30

fidavit shall state that the assembly satisfied the requirements of ORS
 249.735.

3 "SECTION 9. ORS 255.235 is amended to read:

# 4 "255.235. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

5 "(1) A candidate for election as a member of a district board shall be 6 nominated by filing with the elections officer either:

"(a) A petition for nomination signed by at least 25 electors, or 10 percent
of the electors, residing in the election district for the office, whichever
number is less; or

10 "(b) A declaration of candidacy accompanied by a filing fee of \$10.

"(2) A petition for nomination or a declaration of candidacy shall be filed with the elections officer not sooner than the 40th day before the deadline specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection and:

"(a) Not later than the 61st day before the date of the district election if
the election is a regular district election or the first election at which
members of the district board are elected.

"(b) Not later than the 70th day before the date of the district election
if the election is held on the date of a primary election or general election.
"(3) A nominating petition or declaration of candidacy shall contain the
information specified in ORS 249.031.

"(4) The Secretary of State shall ensure that the templates for a
nominating petition or declaration of candidacy provide the candidate
with the option to provide the candidate's race and ethnicity.

"[(4)] (5) In a district in which a position or zone number is assigned to each office on the district board, each petition for nomination or declaration of candidacy for election to the district board shall state the position or zone number of the office to which the candidate seeks election.

<sup>28</sup> "[(5)] (6) The provisions of ORS 249.009 (1)(b) and 249.061 do not apply to <sup>29</sup> nominating petitions filed under this section.

<sup>30</sup> "[(6)] (7) A nominee for election to the district board may withdraw the

nomination not later than 5 p.m. of the last day specified for filing a petition
or declaration under this section by filing with the elections officer a written
withdrawal of candidacy. The withdrawal shall be signed by the nominee and
state the reasons for withdrawal.

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# "SECTION 10. ORS 332.118 is amended to read:

6 "332.118. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

7 "(1) Unless specifically provided otherwise, ORS chapter 255 governs the
8 following:

9 "(a) The nomination and election of school directors.

10 "(b) The conduct of all school district elections.

11 "(2) ORS 249.865 to 249.877 govern the recall of school board members.

"(3) The Secretary of State has supervising authority over all elections
 conducted by school districts and over elections conducted by a district
 boundary board.

"(4) A petition for a proposed change or merger under ORS 330.095, a 15 remonstrance petition under ORS 330.101, a petition for zoning under ORS 16 332.128 or a petition to lengthen the course of study under ORS 335.495 may 17 not be circulated for signatures until the prospective petition has been filed 18 with the county clerk. The prospective petition must designate the names 19 and residence addresses of not more than three persons as chief petitioner. 20The authority of the Secretary of State and the application of the election 21laws commence when the prospective petition is filed with the county clerk. 22The filing of the prospective petition is to be treated like a prospective pe-23tition for an initiative, referendum or recall. Except as otherwise provided 24in ORS 330.080 to 330.113, ORS chapter 255 applies to the procedures appli-2526 cable to petitions described in this subsection and the elections held on the petitions. 27

# <sup>28</sup> "<u>SECTION 11.</u> ORS 332.122 is amended to read:

"332.122. (1) Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, in
 common school districts and union high school districts the directors may

1 be nominated in one of the following methods or a combination thereof:

2 "(a) At large by position number by the electors of the district.

"(b) By zone by electors of zones, if zoning is approved by the electors
under ORS 332.128.

5 "(2) A person shall be nominated as a candidate for director by filing a 6 petition for nomination or a declaration of candidacy under ORS 255.235.

7 "(3) If a candidate is nominated by petition, the petition:

8 "(a) If the candidate is nominated from a zone, must be signed by the9 electors of the zone.

"(b) If the candidate is nominated at large, must be signed by the electorsof the district.

12 "(4) Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, a candidate 13 for school director must be an elector registered in the district. If the district 14 is zoned and the candidate seeks nomination from a zone, the candidate also 15 must be a resident of that zone.

<sup>16</sup> **"SECTION 12.** ORS 332.124 is amended to read:

"332.124. (1) Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, all
candidates shall be elected at large in the district unless the district school
board provides for election from zones under ORS 332.126.

20 "(2) In a district in which directors are elected from zones:

"(a) The candidate for the office of director in each zone who receives the
plurality of the votes shall be elected.

"(b) At the expiration of each director's term of office, a successor shall
be elected from the same zone.

"(3) Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, in the event that no person from the same zone is nominated under ORS 332.122 as a candidate for the vacant office of director by the school district election filing deadline or is elected as a write-in candidate at the subsequent school district election, or in the event that an office of director becomes vacant at midterm, the district school board shall fill the vacancy as follows:

"(a) The board shall advertise the vacancy for a 20-day period in an attempt to find an eligible resident from the same zone to fill the vacancy. If one or more eligible residents declare interest in the vacant office, the school district board shall appoint one of the eligible residents to fill the vacant office until June 30 following the next regular school district election.

6 "(b) If, after 20 days of advertising the vacancy, no eligible resident from 7 the same zone declares interest in the vacant office, the school district board 8 shall appoint one of the eligible residents from the district at large to fill 9 the vacant office until June 30 following the next regular school district 10 election.

"(c) Offices filled in the manner described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection shall become vacant on June 30 following the next regular school district election. Nomination of candidates for vacant offices shall occur as provided under ORS 332.122.

<sup>15</sup> "SECTION 13. ORS 332.126 is amended to read:

<sup>16</sup> "332.126. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) If a majority of the district school board of a zoned common school district or a zoned union high school district so decides, the board may provide that directors of the district school board who are nominated from zones also shall be elected from the zones from which they are nominated.

"(2) At any time after a district school board decides that directors shall
be elected by zone:

"(a) The district school board may rescind the decision and provide that
the directors who are nominated by zone shall be elected at large.

<sup>25</sup> "(b) Zones may be abolished pursuant to ORS 332.128.

<sup>26</sup> **"SECTION 14.** ORS 332.128 is amended to read:

"332.128. (1) Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, in common school districts and union high school districts, directors may be nominated from zones by resolution of the district school board or if the question of zoning is approved by the electors of the district at the regular

1 district election as provided in this section.

2 "(2) The district school board:

3 "(a) May submit the question on its own resolution; or

4 "(b) Shall submit the question when a petition is filed as provided in this5 section.

6 "(3) The requirements for preparing, circulating and filing a petition un-7 der this section are subject to ORS 332.118 and shall be as provided for an 8 initiative petition in ORS 255.135 to 255.205.

9 "(4) If the proposal to create zones in a district includes a combination 10 of nomination of candidates from and by zones and of nomination of candi-11 dates at large, the number of candidates to be nominated in each manner 12 shall be specified in the petition or the order of the board.

"(5) Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, a district
 that has been zoned under this section may abolish zones in the same manner
 as they were established.

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## "SECTION 15. ORS 332.132 is amended to read:

"332.132. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, if a common school district or union high school district is zoned, the school board of the district shall divide the district into the necessary number of zones as nearly equal in population, as shown by the latest federal census, as practicable, taking into account attendance areas where possible. The board shall readjust zone boundaries if necessary to comply with this section, upon any change in the boundaries of the district.

<sup>24</sup> "SECTION 16. ORS 332.134 is amended to read:

<sup>25</sup> "332.134. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) A school board director shall be eligible for reelection in an election
subsequent to zoning under ORS 332.128 only if the director resides in a zone
which is not otherwise represented on the board.

29 "(2) Any vacancy occurring on a school board before all zones are re-30 presented thereon shall be filled from among residents in an unrepresented 1 zone, the zone to be determined by the board by lot.

<sup>2</sup> **"SECTION 17.** ORS 332.138 is amended to read:

"332.138. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, at each
regular district election described in ORS 255.335, school directors shall be
elected for a term of four years to succeed the directors whose terms of office
expire on June 30 of that year. All such elections of school directors shall
be held as provided by ORS chapter 255.

8 "SECTION 18. ORS 334.025 is amended to read:

9 "334.025. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The board of directors of an education service district shall consist
of seven, nine or 11 members.

"(2) In education service districts, not fewer than five of the directors
shall be elected, one from each of the zones established under ORS 334.032.
At the discretion of the board of directors, one or two board members may
be elected from the district at large.

"(3) On the petition of two component school districts, the board shall 16 establish local advisory committees to represent the interests of areas within 17 the petitioning districts. The local advisory committees shall advise the 18 board on matters of concern within the advisory committee's area. Local 19 advisory committees shall represent two or more component school districts. 20"(4) The board of directors may by resolution increase or decrease the 21number of members of the board. The board's resolution shall be entered with 22sufficient time for the board to give the required information to the elections 23officer under ORS 255.069, and the board's resolution shall have no effect on 24the terms of any current board members. 25

# <sup>26</sup> **"SECTION 19.** ORS 334.032 is amended to read:

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"334.032. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The board of directors of an education service district shall divide the education service district into not more than 11 zones as nearly equal in census population as may be practicable, measured along common school district boundary lines except that zones may be established using voting precinct boundaries in order to achieve greater equality of population. If possible, the board shall establish the zones so that each county within the education service district, the majority of the land area of which lies within the boundaries of the education service district, has at least one member on the board.

"(2) Each county within the education service district, the majority of the
land area of which lies within the boundaries of the education service district, shall have at least one member on the board or shall have at least one
member on the budget committee of the education service district.

"(3) The board may readjust the boundaries of the zones once each year and shall readjust the boundaries of the zones immediately upon any change of the boundaries of the education service district.

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## "SECTION 20. ORS 334.035 is amended to read:

#### "334.035. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) In education service districts having a population of less than 550,000 16 according to the latest federal census, a candidate for the district board shall 17 be nominated in accordance with ORS 255.235 except as provided in this 18 section. When a candidate is nominated from a zone by a nominating peti-19 tion, the nominating petition must be signed by electors registered in the 20zone in which the candidate is a resident and who are qualified to vote in 21their respective component school districts. When a candidate is nominated 22at large by a nominating petition, the nominating petition must be signed 23by electors of the district. A candidate for education service district board 24member must be qualified to vote in the election in which the individual is 25a candidate. 26

"(2) In education service districts having a population of 550,000 or more according to the latest federal census, the name of any qualified person nominated as provided by ORS 255.235 shall be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of director of the education service district. 1 **"SECTION 21.** ORS 334.045 is amended to read:

2 "334.045. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) In education service districts, members of the board shall be elected 3 at the time of the regular district election described in ORS 255.335 for the 4 term commencing July 1 as provided in ORS 334.090. For this purpose, a  $\mathbf{5}$ district election shall be held in such districts in those zones from which a 6 member or members of the board are to be elected, and in the district as a 7 whole if a member or members at large are to be elected. The registrar of 8 elections of the county in which such district is located shall be the elections 9 officer for such elections. 10

"(2) The education service district shall pay the actual cost of printing ballots and tally sheets for each election under this section, and the cost of checking signatures on certificates of nomination, together with such proportionate part of the general expenses of such election as provided in ORS 255.305.

"(3) All elections of members of the board shall be held as provided in
ORS chapter 255.

18 **"SECTION 22.** ORS 334.090 is amended to read:

<sup>19</sup> "334.090. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The term of office of director of an education service district shall
be four years.

"(2) The term of office of each director of an education service district
shall begin on July 1 next following the date of election. A director shall
serve until June 30 next following the election of a successor.

"(3) A director of an education service district must qualify by taking an
oath of office before assuming the duties of office.

"(4) A newly appointed director of an education service district shall take
office at the meeting of the education service district board next following
the appointment.

30 "(5) A person is not eligible to serve as a director of an education service

district unless the person is an elector of the district and has resided therein
for a period of one year immediately preceding the election or appointment.
"(6) No employee of an education service district is eligible to serve as

4 a director of the education service district by which the employee is em-5 ployed.

6 "(7) A regular district election shall be held in a district to fill any va-7 cancy and to elect a successor for any director whose term expires June 30 8 next following the election. A successor shall be elected as follows:

"(a) If the director was elected from a zone established under ORS 334.032,
a successor from the same zone shall be elected by the electors of the zone.
"(b) If the director was elected at large a successor shall be elected at
large by the electors of the district.

"(8) Notwithstanding subsection (7) of this section, in any district having a population of 550,000 or more according to the latest federal census that becomes zoned according to ORS 334.032, the board shall determine prior to the nomination of school directors which positions shall be from zones and which positions shall be at large.

"(9) Any vacancy on the board from any zone shall be filled by the re-18 maining directors from among the qualified persons in that zone. Any such 19 vacancy from the district at large shall be filled by the remaining directors 20from among the qualified persons in the district. However, if vacancies occur 21in a majority of the positions on the board, the State Board of Education 22shall fill the vacancies from among the qualified persons of the zones, if any, 23or from among other persons who are qualified to serve. The period of ser-24vice of an appointee under this subsection expires June 30 next following the 25next regular district election at which a successor is elected. The successor 26shall be elected to serve the remainder, if any, of the term for which the 27appointment was made. If the term for which the appointment was made ex-28pires June 30 after the election of the successor, the successor shall be 29 elected to a full term. In either case, the successor shall take office July 1 30

1 next following the election.

<sup>2</sup> "SECTION 23. ORS 334.095 is amended to read:

<sup>3</sup> "334.095. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

4 "(1) The education service district board shall declare the office of a di-5 rector vacant when the incumbent:

6 "(a) Dies or resigns;

7 "(b) Is removed from office or a court declares the election for the office
8 void;

9 "(c) Ceases to be a resident of a school district that is located within the 10 territory of the education service district;

"(d) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, ceases to be a resident of the
 zone from which nominated;

"(e) Ceases to discharge the duties of office for two consecutive months
 unless prevented from discharging the duties by sickness or other unavoid able cause; or

16 "(f) Is recalled.

"(2) The education service district board may not declare the office of a
director vacant if the director is a resident of a school district that withdraws from the education service district as provided by ORS 334.015 unless:
"(a) The director's term expires; or

"(b) The education service district board declares the office vacant for a reason described in subsection (1) of this section.

"(3) A director nominated from a zone who changes permanent residence from one zone to another zone in which another director resides shall continue to serve as director until the next regular election when a successor shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

"(4) A director guilty of misfeasance or malfeasance in office, by the appropriate proceeding, may be removed from office by a court of competent jurisdiction.

<sup>30</sup> "(5) Members may be recalled in the manner provided in ORS 249.865 to

1 249.877. If the member was elected by a zone, the recall petition shall be 2 signed by electors from that zone and electors from the zone are the only 3 electors eligible to vote in the recall election. If the member was elected at 4 large, the recall petition shall be signed by electors from the district and 5 electors from the district are eligible to vote in the recall election.

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"SECTION 24. ORS 341.326 is amended to read:

7 "341.326. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

8 "(1) At each regular district election, board members shall be elected for 9 a term of four years to succeed the board members whose terms of office 10 expire on June 30 of that year.

"(2) A person shall be qualified to be a candidate for election to the board if the person is an elector who resides in the district. If the district is zoned and the position sought is one elected or nominated by zone, the person also must reside in the zone from which the person is nominated.

"(3) Members of a board shall be nominated and elected at large or by
zones according to a method described in ORS 341.327 and determined under
ORS 341.025 or 341.331.

18 "(4) A board member must qualify for office by taking an oath of office.

19 "<u>SECTION 25.</u> ORS 341.327 is amended to read:

# <sup>20</sup> "341.327. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The board members may be elected in one of the following methodsor a combination thereof:

"(a) Elected by electors of zones as nearly equal in population as possible
according to the latest federal census.

<sup>25</sup> "(b) Elected at large by position number by the electors of the district.

"(2) Candidates for election from zones shall be nominated by electors of the zones. Candidates for election at large may be nominated by electors of zones or by electors of the district, as determined under subsection (3) of this section.

30 "(3) Where the method selected under subsection (2) of this section in-

cludes a combination of nomination of candidates from and by zones and of
nomination of candidates at large, the number of candidates to be nominated
in each manner shall be specified in the petition submitted under ORS
341.025 or under ORS 341.331.

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# "341.331. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"SECTION 26. ORS 341.331 is amended to read:

"(1) This section establishes the procedure for determining whether the method adopted in a district for nominating and electing board members should be changed to another method described in ORS 341.327. The question shall be decided by election. The district board shall order an election on the question when a petition is filed as provided in this section.

"(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the requirements for
preparing, circulating and filing a petition under this section shall be as
provided for an initiative petition in ORS 255.135 to 255.205.

"(3) If the question proposes creation of zones or a change in the numberof existing zones, the following requirements shall apply:

"(a) The petition shall contain a map indicating the proposed zone
boundaries. The map shall be attached to the cover sheet of the petition and
shall not exceed 14 inches by 17 inches in size.

"(b) Notwithstanding ORS 250.035, the statement summarizing the measure and its major effect in the ballot title shall not exceed 150 words. The
statement:

"(A) Shall specify the method of nomination and election of board members from among the methods described in ORS 341.327. The statement also shall specify whether, in filling each position on the board, an elector of the district may sign a petition of nomination or vote for a candidate from any zone or only for a candidate from the zone in which the elector resides.

"(B) Shall include a general description of the proposed boundaries of the
zones, using streets and other generally recognized features.

30 "(c) The order calling the election shall contain a map and a metes and

bounds or legal description of the proposed zone boundaries. The map and description shall be prepared by the county surveyor or county assessor and shall reflect any adjustment made in the boundaries under subsection (6) of this section.

5 "(4) The map to be contained in the petition under subsection (3) of this 6 section shall be prepared by the county surveyor or county assessor. The 7 chief petitioners shall pay the county for the cost of preparing the map, as 8 determined by the county surveyor or county assessor. The county clerk shall 9 not accept the prospective petition for filing until the chief petitioners have 10 paid the amount due.

"(5) Subsection (3) of this section does not apply if the question proposesabolition of all zones.

"(6) Before submitting to election a question to which subsection (3) of this section applies, the district board shall adjust the proposed boundaries of the zones to make them as nearly equal in population as feasible according to the latest federal census. The district board shall amend the ballot title as necessary to reflect its adjustment of the boundaries.

"(7) If the electors of the district approve the establishment of zones or a change in the number of existing zones, board members shall continue to serve until their terms of office expire. As vacancies occur, positions to be filled by nomination or election by zone shall be filled by persons who reside within zones which are not represented on the board. If more than one zone is not represented on the board when a vacancy occurs, the zone entitled to elect a board member shall be decided by lot.

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"SECTION 27. ORS 341.335 is amended to read:

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# "341.335. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The board shall declare the office of a board member vacant if it findsany of the following:

<sup>29</sup> "(a) The incumbent has died or resigned.

30 "(b) The incumbent has been removed or recalled from office or the

election of the incumbent thereto has been declared void by the judgment
 of a court.

"(c) The incumbent has ceased to be a resident of the district from which
the incumbent was nominated or elected.

5 "(d) The incumbent has ceased to discharge the duties of office for two 6 consecutive months unless prevented therefrom by sickness or other una-7 voidable cause or unless excused by the chairperson of the board.

"(2) A board member who is nominated or elected by zone and who 8 9 changes permanent residence from one zone of a district to another zone or who by a change in zone boundaries no longer resides in the zone of nomi-10 nation or election is entitled to continue to serve as board member until 11 June 30 following the next regular district election at which a successor 12shall be elected by the electors to serve for the remainder of the unexpired 13 term, if any. The successor shall take office July 1 next following the 14 election. 15

"(3) When a vacancy is declared under subsection (1) of this section, the remaining board members shall meet and appoint a person to fill the vacancy from any of the electors of the district if the position is one filled by both nomination and election at-large, and otherwise from any of the electors of the zone from which the vacancy occurs.

"(4) If the offices of a majority of the board members are vacant at the same time, the governing body of the principal county shall appoint persons to fill the vacancies from any of the electors of the district if the positions are filled by both nomination and election at-large, and otherwise from any of the electors of the zone from which the vacancy occurs.

"(5) The period of service of a board member appointed under subsection (3) or (4) of this section commences upon appointment and expires June 30 next following the next regular district election at which a successor is elected. The successor shall be elected to serve the remainder, if any, of the term for which the appointment was made. If the term for which the ap-

pointment was made expires June 30 after the election of the successor, the
successor shall be elected to a full term. In either case, the successor shall
take office on July 1.

4 **"SECTION 28.** ORS 341.356 is amended to read:

5 "341.356. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

6 "(1) ORS chapter 255 governs the following:

7 "(a) The nomination and election of board members.

8 "(b) The conduct of district elections.

9 "(2) The electors of a community college district may exercise the powers 10 of the initiative and referendum regarding a district measure, in accordance 11 with ORS 255.135 to 255.205.

"(3) ORS 249.865 to 249.877 govern the recall of board members.

<sup>13</sup> "SECTION 29. ORS 341.357 is amended to read:

"341.357. (1) Except as provided by ORS chapter 255 and ORS 294.448
(Local Budget Law) and 341.670 and sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, notice
of community college district organization and merger, community college
district budgets and community college district purchasing shall be given
only as provided in this section.

"(2) Whenever notice is required, the board shall cause the notice to be published in one or more of the newspapers published in the district and having a general circulation in the district. If no newspaper is published in the district, the notice shall be published in some newspaper designated by the board and having circulation throughout the district. The notice shall be published in at least two issues of each designated newspaper.

"(3) The board may also cause broadcasting of any notice required to be
published in the manner provided in ORS 193.310 to 193.360.

"(4) The board shall cause the time and place of publishing each of the notices required by subsection (1) of this section and the content of such notices to be recorded in the minutes of the board.

# 30 "SECTION 30. ORS 341.379 is amended to read:

"341.379. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, during 1 the period following an election or other action resulting in a boundary  $\mathbf{2}$ change in a district and prior to the date the change becomes effective, the 3 district or districts from which an area will be separated as a result of the 4 boundary change may hold elections for all legal purposes but the electors  $\mathbf{5}$ registered in the area to be separated as a result of the boundary change 6 shall not be qualified to vote in any such election. The election on any 7 measure in such district or districts shall not affect or encumber the area 8 9 to be separated.

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#### "SECTION 31. ORS 332.012 is amended to read:

"332.012. (1) Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, a
 district school board may increase the number of board members from five
 members to seven members on its own motion, or the district school board:

14 "(a) May submit the question to the electors of the school district; or

"(b) Shall submit the question to the electors of the school district whena petition is filed as provided in this section.

"(2) Subject to ORS 332.118, a petition filed under this section shall be
prepared, circulated and filed as provided for an initiative petition in ORS
255.135 to 255.205.

#### 20 "SECTION 32. ORS 332.018 is amended to read:

<sup>21</sup> "332.018. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

<sup>22</sup> "(1) The term of office of director is four years.

"(2) No person shall be eligible to serve as director unless the person is
an elector of the district and has resided therein for the period of one year
immediately preceding the election or appointment.

"(3) No director shall receive any compensation for services as director
 other than reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses actually
 incurred on school business.

# <sup>29</sup> "<u>SECTION 33.</u> ORS 332.030 is amended to read:

30 "332.030. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

1 "(1) The district school board shall declare the office of a director vacant 2 upon the happening of any of the following:

3 "(a) The death or resignation of the incumbent.

"(b) When an incumbent is removed from office or the election of the
incumbent thereto has been declared void by the judgment of any court.

"(c) Subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of this section,
when an incumbent ceases to be a resident of the district or zone from which
nominated.

9 "(d) When an incumbent ceases to discharge the duties of office for two 10 consecutive months unless prevented therefrom by sickness or other una-11 voidable cause.

"(e) When an incumbent ceases to discharge the duties of office for four
 consecutive months for any reason.

14 "(f) When an incumbent is recalled.

"(2) A director of a union high school board who changes the director's 15permanent residence from one component common school district to another 16 component common school district in which another director resides shall 17 continue to serve as director to June 30 next following the next regular 18 district election. At that election, a successor shall be elected to serve the 19 remainder, if any, of the unexpired term to which the director was elected. 20If the term to which the director was elected expires June 30 next following 21the election of the successor, the successor shall be elected to a full term. 22In either case, the successor shall take office July 1 next following the 23election. 24

"(3) A director of a common school district nominated from a zone who changes the director's permanent residence from one zone to another zone in which another director resides shall continue to serve as director to June 30 next following the next regular district election. At that election, a successor shall be elected to serve the remainder, if any, of the unexpired term to which the director was elected. If the term to which the director was

elected expires June 30 next following the election of the successor, the
successor shall be elected to a full term. In either case, the successor shall
take office July 1 next following the election.

"(4) When a vacancy is declared under subsection (1)(a), (b) or (d) to (f) 4 of this section, the remaining member or members of the board shall meet  $\mathbf{5}$ and appoint a person to fill the vacancy. The person must satisfy the eligi-6 bility requirements under ORS 332.018 and, if the district is zoned, reside in 7 the zone in which the vacancy occurs. A director appointed under this sub-8 section shall serve to June 30 next following the next regular district 9 election. At that election, a successor shall be elected to serve the remainder, 10 if any, of the unexpired term to which the director was appointed. If the term 11 to which the director was appointed expires June 30 next following the 12 election of the successor, the successor shall be elected to a full term. In any 13 case, the successor shall take office July 1 next following the election. 14

"(5) If the offices of a majority of the directors of any district are vacant 15 at the same time, the education service district board, or if there is none, the 16 governing body of the county shall appoint persons to fill the vacancies. The 17 persons must satisfy the eligibility requirements under ORS 332.018 and, if 18 the district is zoned, reside in the zones in which the vacancies occur. If the 19 vacancies occur in a joint district that is not included in an education ser-20vice district, the governing body of the county containing the greater portion 21of the pupils in average daily membership shall appoint the directors. Each 22director appointed under this subsection shall serve to June 30 next follow-23ing the next regular district election. At that election, a successor shall be 24elected to serve the remainder, if any, of the unexpired term to which the 25director was appointed. If the term to which the director was appointed ex-26pires June 30 next following the election of the successor, the successor shall 27be elected to a full term. In any case, the successor shall take office July 1 28next following the election. 29

#### 30 **"SECTION 34.** ORS 334.690 is amended to read:

"334.690. (1) Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, the State Board of Education shall constitute the boundary board for education service districts. In examining any proposal to reorganize education service districts, the state board shall consider whether the proposed district would have the following characteristics:

"(a) A student population of at least 10,000 students or would have such
a student population in the foreseeable future;

8 "(b) The ability to support the staff necessary to provide a wide array of9 services;

"(c) Boundaries that reflect the area's sense of community, and take into account topography, climate and highway patterns so that there is reasonable access to all areas within the region;

"(d) A distance of no more than two and one-half hours' driving time between the regional office or suboffice and the most remote school; and

"(e) At least one publicly supported, post-secondary institution within theregion.

"(2) For purposes of ad valorem taxation, a boundary change must be filed
in final approved form with the county assessor and the Department of
Revenue as provided in ORS 308.225.

<sup>20</sup> **"SECTION 35.** ORS 334.710 is amended to read:

#### <sup>21</sup> "334.710. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) If two or more education service districts desire to join together for the purpose of forming one education service district, a petition from each such district shall be presented to the State Board of Education when:

"(a) Resolutions are presented to each of the education service district boards by the boards of the component school districts that represent twothirds of the component school districts that are a part of each of the education service districts and that have at least a majority of the pupils included in the average daily membership of the education service district, as determined by the reports of such school districts for the preceding school

1 year, enrolled in the schools of the districts; or

"(b) The education service district boards mutually consent to the merger
and a majority vote of each board has approved a petition.

"(2) The State Board of Education shall review the petitions and within 5 15 days after the board meeting at which the petitions are reviewed, shall 6 notify the education service district boards of each district designated by the 7 petitions, fix the date of and be responsible for supervising the giving of 8 notices as provided in ORS 330.400 and conducting the public hearings in 9 each proposing district to discuss the proposal contained in the petitions.

10 **"SECTION 36.** ORS 334.730 is amended to read:

11 "334.730. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) Immediately after the order to join two or more education service 12 districts together, the boards of directors of all education service districts 13 within the boundaries of the new district shall meet together upon the call 14 of the chairperson of the board of the most populous district. Notwithstand-15 ing ORS 334.025 or ORS chapter 255, the joint board of directors shall divide 16 the new district into as many zones as the board considers necessary, but 17 not fewer than seven nor more than 11. The zones shall be as nearly equal 18 in population as may be practicable. If possible, the joint board shall estab-19 lish the zones so that each county within the new education service district, 20the majority of the land area of which lies within the boundaries of the ed-21ucation service district, has at least one member on the board. 22

"(2) Within 90 days after the zones required in subsection (1) of this section are established, the joint board of directors shall call a special election in the new district for the purpose of electing directors, one of whom shall be elected from each zone established under subsection (1) of this section by the electors of the zone.

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"SECTION 37. ORS 334.740 is amended to read:

29 "334.740. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, the 30 nomination of a candidate to serve as a director of the new education service district from a zone, when made by a petition, shall be signed by electors
registered in the zone in which the candidate is a resident. The nomination
of a candidate to serve as a director of the new education service district
at large, when made by a petition, shall be signed by electors of the district.
A candidate must be qualified to vote in the election in which the individual
is a candidate and must be qualified to hold office as a director of an education service district.

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"SECTION 38. ORS 334.750 is amended to read:

# 9 "334.750. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The board of directors of the new education service district shall take
office on July 1 of the year following its election.

"(2) The minority of directors of the new education service district shall serve terms expiring June 30 next following the first regular district election and the majority of directors shall serve terms expiring June 30 next following the second regular district election.

"(3) The directors first elected shall determine by lot the length of term
each shall hold office.

"(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the term of office of boards of directors of preexisting education service districts shall terminate on the date in which the new education service district comes into existence and its new board of directors qualifies to hold office.

<sup>22</sup> "SECTION 39. ORS 341.025 is amended to read:

# <sup>23</sup> "341.025. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) Whenever the electors registered in contiguous territory desire the formation of a community college district, they may sign a petition requesting the formation of such a district and present it to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

28 "(2) The petition must be substantially in the form established by the 29 commission, which shall furnish the petition form. The petition:

30 "(a) Must contain the minimum number of signatures fixed by the com-

mission of 500, or 10 percent of the electors registered in each county or part
of a county within the designated territory, whichever is the lesser;

"(b) Must designate the boundaries of the territory to be included in the proposed district, which may include all or part of the territory lying within the boundaries of a school district and may be located in more than one county;

7 "(c) Must request that the territory be organized into a district;

8 "(d) May specify or reserve the right to specify the location for the pro-9 posed community college or may request the commission to determine the 10 location;

"(e) Must specify the method of nomination and election of the board of
education of the proposed district from among the methods described in ORS
341.327; and

14 "(f) Must contain any other information required by rules of the com-15 mission.

<sup>16</sup> **"SECTION 40.** ORS 341.039 is amended to read:

# 17 "341.039. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) A petition submitted pursuant to ORS 341.025 may specify that the 18 proposed district be organized as a community college service district. The 19 formation of a community college service district shall comply with the 20provisions of ORS 341.025 to 341.125. A petition affecting a territory that, in 21the judgment of the Director of the Office of Community Colleges and 22Workforce Development, will not generate an annual enrollment in excess 23of 1,000 full-time equivalent students after three years of operation shall be 24considered to be a petition for the formation of a community college service 2526 district.

"(2) If formed, a community college service district shall in all respects
be governed by the laws applicable to community college districts with the
following exceptions:

30 "(a) Notwithstanding ORS 341.675, community college service districts

formed on or after July 1, 1997, may not incur bonded indebtedness for any purpose. This limitation shall not be construed to prohibit lease-purchase arrangements or other lawful forms of capital financing. A community college service district may hold and own buildings and grounds acquired through gifts or financing methods authorized by this section.

6 "(b) The board of education for a community college service district shall 7 annually review the programs and services of the service district. This re-8 view shall have as its purpose a determination of which services can most 9 effectively and economically be delivered directly and which services can 10 best be delivered through contracting arrangements. The direct hiring of 11 faculty and staff is expressly permitted.

"(3) After having been in operation for at least three years, a community
college service district may submit to the electors of the district the question
of whether the district shall operate as a community college district.

"(4) Prior to submitting the question to the electors, the community college service district must have been in operation for three years, and must have secured the approval of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to hold the election. Before granting approval, the commission must find:

"(a) The service district has acquired stability as demonstrated by a continuity of management, regularly adopted policies and procedures and adequate financial resources; and

"(b) The service district has adopted a sound comprehensive plan that sets
out the district's instructional and capital plans for five years.

<sup>24</sup> "<u>SECTION 41.</u> ORS 341.055 is amended to read:

<sup>25</sup> "341.055. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

<sup>26</sup> "(1) At the time designated in the notice given under ORS 341.045, the <sup>27</sup> Higher Education Coordinating Commission or its authorized representative <sup>28</sup> shall conduct a public hearing on the study and may adjourn the hearing <sup>29</sup> from time to time. The commission may alter the boundaries set forth in the <sup>30</sup> petition submitted under ORS 341.025 to include all territory the residents

of which will be materially benefited by formation of the community college district as determined by the study conducted under ORS 341.045. The commission shall not modify the boundaries of the district as set forth in the petition so as to exclude from the district any territory the residents of which will be materially benefited by formation of the district, nor may there be included in the proposed district any territory the residents of which will not be materially benefited.

"(2) If the commission concludes that any territory has been improperly 8 included or omitted from the proposed community college district and that 9 electors within the included or omitted territory have not appeared at the 10 hearing, the commission shall continue further hearing on the study and 11 shall order notice given to the nonappearing electors requiring them to ap-12 pear and show cause why their territory should not be excluded or included 13 in the proposed district. The notice shall be given either in the same manner 14 as notice of the original hearing was given or by personal service on each 15 nonappearing elector. If notice is given by personal service, such service 16 shall be made at least 10 days prior to the date fixed for the hearing. 17

18 **"SECTION 42.** ORS 341.076 is amended to read:

<sup>19</sup> "341.076. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) If, upon final hearing under ORS 341.055, the Higher Education Co-20ordinating Commission approves formation of a community college district, 21with boundaries either as originally presented or as altered pursuant to the 22hearing, the commission shall make its recommendation to the Legislative 23Assembly in an order describing the exterior boundaries and the zone 24boundaries for the election of members of the board of education of the 25community college district, if any. An appeal from the recommendation may 26be taken within 60 days in the manner provided in ORS 183.480. If no appeal 27from this recommendation is filed within 60 days after the date of the rec-28ommendation, the recommendation becomes final. 29

30 "(2) If an appeal is filed, the recommendation becomes final on the date

the recommendation is affirmed by the court. However, if the recommendation is not affirmed, the commission may not submit its recommendation to the Legislative Assembly but may reconsider the conclusions of the study conducted under ORS 341.045 and if the commission revises those conclusions, the commission may set a date for a new hearing.

6 "(3) Upon receipt of the final recommendation, the Legislative Assembly 7 shall approve or disapprove the recommendation. If the recommendation is 8 approved, an election under ORS 341.085 shall be held. If the recommendation 9 is disapproved, the commission may revise its recommendation and resubmit 10 a final recommendation to the Legislative Assembly but not sooner than 60 11 days after the action of disapproval was taken.

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**"SECTION 43.** ORS 341.085 is amended to read:

13 "341.085. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) An election for the purpose of presenting the question of formation 14 of a district and establishing a permanent rate limit for operating taxes and 15 the boundaries of the zones, if the zones were recommended by the Higher 16 Education Coordinating Commission, shall be held to submit the question to 17 the electors registered in the proposed district designated in the recommen-18 dation of the commission. The election shall be held not sooner than the 90th 19 day after the effective date of the appropriation required by ORS 341.102. The 20election date shall be uniform throughout the proposed district, and shall be 21set by the commission on a date specified in ORS 255.345. However, if the 22question of establishing a permanent rate limit for operating taxes is to be 23submitted, the election must be held on the same date as the next primary 24election or the next general election, as determined by the commission. 25

"(2) ORS chapter 255 and ORS 250.035 and 250.036 govern the notice and conduct of an election under this section. The commission shall be the district elections authority for an election conducted under this section. Notwithstanding ORS 255.305, the commission shall pay the expenses incurred for the election.

"(3) An elector registered in a precinct or in the portion of a precinct which is located within the boundaries of the proposed district may vote on any matter arising at the election under subsection (1) of this section.

4 **"SECTION 44.** ORS 341.115 is amended to read:

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# "341.115. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

6 "(1) If the vote is in favor of the formation of the community college 7 district and establishes a permanent rate limit for operating taxes for the 8 district, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission:

9 "(a) Shall proclaim the commission's determination from the election re-10 sults that a community college district has been formed; and

11 "(b) Shall furnish any affected county assessor with a copy of the proc-12 lamation.

"(2) If the location of the community college or zone boundaries are specified on the ballot, and the vote favors formation, the commission shall include such location and boundaries in its proclamation.

"(3) If the vote is in favor of the formation of a community college district
but opposed to a permanent rate limit at the rate submitted, the district shall
not be formed.

# <sup>19</sup> "SECTION 45. ORS 341.125 is amended to read:

#### <sup>20</sup> "341.125. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The first board of education of a district shall be elected at the same 21election as the election at which votes are cast for the formation of the 22district. Nominations for the board of education positions to be filled by 23nomination and election at-large shall be made by petition requesting that 24such person's name be placed on the ballot and signed with the signatures 25of at least 50 electors registered in the proposed district. If the district has 26been zoned and the position is to be filled by nomination or election by zone, 27the petition shall be signed by at least 25 electors registered in the zone. The 28petition shall be presented to the Higher Education Coordinating Commis-29 sion at least 70 days prior to the election. Upon receipt of petitions that 30

comply with applicable law, the commission shall cause the names of the
nominees to be placed upon the ballot.

"(2) Seven members shall be elected to the first board, to serve terms of 3 four and two years respectively in accordance with the number of votes each 4 receives with the three members receiving the largest number of votes serv- $\mathbf{5}$ ing the four-year terms. The terms of office of the members of the first board 6 shall be computed from the date of June 30 subsequent to the date of their 7 election, but the members shall take office immediately following the 8 election. If for any reason a district is not formed, the election of board 9 members for that proposed district is void. 10

"(3) If the district has been zoned, the commission shall designate the positions to be nominated or elected by zone and shall specify the length of the term to be served by each member of the first board elected by zone.

"(4) If the election is at large, the length of the term of office of members of the first board elected shall be determined in accordance with the number of votes each receives in the election. Those receiving the highest number of votes may serve the four-year terms, subject to any term designations made by the commission under subsection (3) of this section.

<sup>19</sup> "<u>SECTION 46.</u> ORS 341.175 is amended to read:

<sup>20</sup> "341.175. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, the <sup>21</sup> board shall adjust the boundaries of zones established within a district as <sup>22</sup> necessary to make them as nearly equal in population as is feasible accord-<sup>23</sup> ing to the latest federal census. The board also shall adjust boundaries of <sup>24</sup> zones as necessary to reflect boundary changes of the district.

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"<u>SECTION 47.</u> ORS 341.185 is amended to read:

26 "341.185. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, any 27 elector of a district aggrieved by the adjustment of or failure to adjust 28 boundaries of a zone pursuant to ORS 341.175 on the basis that population 29 is not as nearly equal as is feasible is entitled to appear before the board 30 at a public hearing to present the case. If the board refuses to make the re-

quested adjustment in the boundaries, the aggrieved elector may appeal from the decision of the board to the circuit court. The appeal shall be by writ of review.

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"SECTION 48. ORS 341.565 is amended to read:

### "341.565. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall constitute the 6 boundary board for making any changes in the boundaries of community 7 college districts. The commission on its own motion or on petition from a 8 petitioning territory may propose changes in the boundaries of a community 9 college district. The commission must find that the proposed change will 10 have no substantially adverse effect upon the ability of the affected districts 11 to provide and continue their programs and is not made solely for tax ad-12 vantages to property owners in the district or area affected by the proposed 13 change. The commission may submit the question of a boundary change to 14 a vote of the electors of the territories affected by the boundary change. The 15election must be held on the same day in both of the affected territories. 16

"(2) A petition shall be in a form prescribed by the commission and must contain the information that the commission requires. The petition shall contain a minimum number of signatures as fixed by the commission.

"(3) Before any order changing boundaries of an existing district is en-20tered, the commission shall set dates for a public hearing in the area to be 21included in the district or excluded from the district by the proposed 22boundary change and in the case of annexation of new territory in the 23principal town of the existing district and shall give notice in the manner 24required in ORS 341.357. At the time set in the notice, the commission or its 25authorized representative shall conduct a public hearing on the motion or 26petition and may adjourn the hearing from time to time. 27

"(4) If, upon final hearing, the commission approves the motion or petition or affirms the vote of the electors of the affected territories, the commission shall make an order describing the revised boundaries of the district. 1 The order becomes final when the order is approved by the Legislative As-2 sembly. If the order is not approved, the commission may revise the order 3 and resubmit the order to the Legislative Assembly but not sooner than 60 4 days after the action of disapproval was taken.

5 "(5) Any division of assets and liabilities required by a change in the 6 boundaries of a district shall be made pursuant to ORS 341.573.

"(6) When the boundaries of a district are changed, if the final order of
the commission or an election held under ORS 341.569:

9 "(a) Occurs between July 1 and March 31, inclusive, the change takes 10 effect on the June 30 following the final order or election favoring the 11 change.

"(b) Occurs between April 1 and June 30, inclusive, the change takes effect on the June 30 of the following year.

"(7) For purposes of ad valorem taxation, a boundary change must be filed
in final approved form with the county assessor and the Department of
Revenue as provided in ORS 308.225.

17 **"SECTION 49.** ORS 341.569 is amended to read:

<sup>18</sup> "341.569. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall submit thequestion of a proposed boundary change to a vote if:

"(a) The commission enters the order to revise the boundaries of a com munity college district;

"(b) A remonstrance is filed with the commission within 20 days after the
date on which the hearing under ORS 341.565 is adjourned finally;

"(c) The remonstrance is signed by at least five percent of the electors
or at least 500 of the electors, whichever is less, in:

"(A) An area to be included in the district or excluded from the district
by the proposed boundary change; or

<sup>29</sup> "(B) The existing community college district; and

30 "(d) The area to be included in the district is not surrounded by the ter-

1 ritory of a single community college district.

"(2) When necessary under subsection (1) of this section, the question shall be submitted to the electors of the area or district filing a remonstrance or in both if remonstrances meeting the requirements of subsection (1) of this section are filed from both.

6 "(3) If the proposed boundary change is defeated, the same or a substan-7 tially similar change may not be considered until at least 12 months have 8 elapsed from the date of the election at which the change was defeated. If 9 the vote is favorable in the area or district from which a remonstrance was 10 filed, the commission shall declare the change effective on the date deter-11 mined under ORS 341.565.

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**"SECTION 50.** ORS 341.577 is amended to read:

13 "341.577. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, when the new territory annexed to an existing community college district is greater in population than the original territory, based upon the latest federal census, the provisions of this section shall govern the community college district for a period of not less than 10 years after the effective date of the boundary change.

"(2) Program access and facilities for students shall be maintained in the
 original territory for a period of not less than 20 years while programs and
 facilities for students are developed in the new territory.

"(3)(a) After the approval by the electors of both the original territory and the new territory of the boundary change, the mode of election of board members shall be changed as provided in this subsection. The term of office of a board member shall be four years. Electors of each of the seven zones shall elect a board member.

"(b) No later than the 90th day after the boundary change election under
ORS 341.579 (1), five zones for the new territory shall be established by the
Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

"(c) No later than June 30, two zones for the original territory shall be established by the commission before the election of the first director to either zone as provided in this subsection.

"(d) Zones shall be established with the boundaries exclusively within the
original territory or exclusively within the new territory, and with the zones
as nearly equal in population as is feasible according to the latest federal
census.

"(e) An elector may sign a petition of nomination and may vote only for
a candidate from the zone in which the elector resides.

"(f) The four-year terms of office pertaining to the five numbered zones of the original territory shall continue until the regularly scheduled June 30 termination date of each expires. A board member shall be nominated and elected in the same numbered zone in the new territory at the regular district election immediately preceding the June 30 date, and the director from that zone shall take office on the July 1 following the date of election.

"(g) Board members nominated and elected to office by zone in the original territory, and any person elected or appointed to fill any vacancy in such office, shall continue to hold office until the expiration of the board member's term.

20 "(h)(A) The two at-large board positions in the original territory shall 21 become the two zoned positions of the original territory after that June 30 22 on which the last zone of the original territory no longer is in effect.

(B) At that time, the directors in office in the two at-large board positions in the original territory shall each be assigned that zone in which each resides, if both reside in separate zones.

"(C) If the two directors reside in the same zone, then that director elected by the greater number of votes between the two directors at large shall hold the board position for the territory of the zone in which the director resided at the date of election, and the other director shall hold the board position of the other zone.

"(D) The board members shall continue in office until their respective 1 terms of at-large election expire, provided any vacancy occurring in a board  $\mathbf{2}$ member's office before the expiration of such term shall be filled until expi-3 ration by appointment by the board of a resident of the board member's zone. 4 "(4) The board shall appoint an advisory committee of seven members,  $\mathbf{5}$ including three from the original territory and three from the new territory. 6 The board shall appoint a seventh, at-large member from a list of persons 7 nominated by the advisory committee. The at-large member shall be the 8 chairperson. The advisory committee members shall be appointed, and may 9 be reappointed, for terms of three years, and the terms shall be staggered so 10 that approximately one-third of the terms of the members end each year. The 11 board shall give deliberative consideration to all recommendations of the 12advisory committee concerning policy related to district organization, edu-13 cational services and facilities in regard to both the original territory and 14 the new territory. 15

"(5) Subject to ORS 294.414, members of the advisory committee shall be appointed to the community college district budget committee. The community college district budget committee shall review and recommend budgets established and delineated by territory based on revenues and resources available.

21 "(6) The chief administrative officer of the district shall maintain the 22 administrative office of the district in the original territory.

"(7) Collective bargaining shall be maintained uniformly across the ori ginal territory and new territory.

"(8) After receiving any recommendation of the advisory committee, the board may continue one or more of the provisions of subsections (1) and (3) to (7) of this section in effect for an indefinite period after the expiration of the 10-year period referred to in subsection (1) of this section.

29 "(9) The original territory shall remain liable for the existing debt of the 30 community college district payable from ad valorem property taxes levied 1 specifically for the payment of such indebtedness.

<sup>2</sup> "SECTION 51. ORS 341.579 is amended to read:

<sup>3</sup> "341.579. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall submit the
question of any boundary change pertaining to a community college district
subject to ORS 341.577 to a vote of the electors held the same day in both
the original territory and the new territory.

"(2) If the proposed boundary change is defeated in either territory, the 8 same or a substantially similar change shall not be considered until at least 9 12 months have elapsed from the date of the election at which the proposed 10 change was defeated. If the vote is favorable in both the original territory 11 and the new territory, and subject to determination by the commission that 12there is a legislative appropriation to the Community College Support Fund 13 established in ORS 341.620 to support the new district resulting from the 14 boundary change at a level commensurate with support for other community 15college districts, then the commission shall declare the change effective on 16 the date determined under ORS 341.565. Implementation of the commission's 17 order shall take place only if the funds needed to accommodate the impact 18 of annexation on other local education districts are appropriated specifically 19 for that purpose by the Legislative Assembly or allocated by the Emergency 20Board. 21

<sup>22</sup> "<u>SECTION 52.</u> ORS 255.055 is amended to read:

23 "255.055. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, the 24 elections officer may delegate to the district elections authority at the re-25 quest of the district elections authority any responsibility to conduct the 26 district election, in whole or in part, if the elections officer determines that: 27 "(1) The election will be conducted in accordance with this chapter; and 28 "(2) No inconvenience for electors of the district will result. 29 "SECTION 53. ORS 255.245 is amended to read:

<sup>30</sup> "255.245. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, if a

vacancy occurs in the office of district board member after the deadline for 1 notice in ORS 255.069 (2) and on or before the 62nd day before the regular  $\mathbf{2}$ district election, the Secretary of State by rule shall provide a nominating 3 schedule when practicable so that candidates' names may be printed on the 4 regular election ballot. With regard to this vacancy, requirements of publi- $\mathbf{5}$ cation of notice and sample ballots may be waived. The rule shall require 6 notice of the vacancy and nominating procedure to the district electors by 7 the most reasonable and expeditious means practicable under the circum-8 stances, including but not limited to single publication in a newspaper of 9 general circulation in the district. 10

11 "SECTION 54. ORS 255.325 is amended to read:

<sup>12</sup> "255.325. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act, the <sup>13</sup> Secretary of State by rule shall require the districts that are not in compli-<sup>14</sup> ance with ORS 255.335 to so comply. For this purpose, the rule may require <sup>15</sup> adjusting or staggering terms of board members.

<sup>16</sup> **"SECTION 55.** ORS 255.335 is amended to read:

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"255.335. Except as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act:

"(1) The regular district election shall be held by each district for the purpose of electing members of the district board to succeed a member whose term expires the following June 30 and to elect members to fill any vacancy which then may exist. The election shall be held in each such district in each odd-numbered year on the third Tuesday in May.

"(2) A district shall not conduct more than one election of board membersin any year.

"(3) The first regular district election in a district shall be held on the regular district election date next following the year in which the first members of the district board were elected or appointed.

(4) The term of a board member elected at the regular district election shall commence on the first day of July next following the election and shall expire June 30 next following the regular district election at which a suc1 cessor is elected.

"(5) Each district board shall hold a regular organizational meeting following the regular district election and not later than the last day of July
of that year.

"SECTION 56. (1) Sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act and the amendments to statutes by sections 7 to 55 of this 2019 Act become operative
on January 1, 2020.

"(2) The Secretary of State may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the Secretary of State to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 2 to 6 of this 2019 Act and the amendments to statutes by sections 7 to 55 of this 2019 Act.

"SECTION 57. This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
 date on which the 2019 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative
 Assembly adjourns sine die.".

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