

Requested by Senator BAERTSCHIGER JR

**PROPOSED MINORITY REPORT AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 116**

1 Delete lines 4 through 12 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Secretary of State shall conduct a study and**
3 **analyze the impact of special elections that the Legislative Assembly**
4 **has ordered since January 1, 2015.**

5 **“(2) As part of the study conducted under subsection (1) of this**
6 **section, the secretary shall analyze:**

7 **“(a) Whether the special elections described in subsection (1) of this**
8 **section created barriers to the ability of electors to vote. This analysis**
9 **must specifically consider whether the special elections have had a**
10 **disproportionate impact on the ability to vote by:**

11 **“(A) Minority communities;**

12 **“(B) Members of a protected class, as defined in ORS 279A.112;**

13 **“(C) Veterans, as defined in ORS 408.225, who use absentee ballots**
14 **to vote; and**

15 **“(D) Persons with a disability, as defined in ORS 410.600.**

16 **“(b) The percentage of eligible electors in rural and nonurban**
17 **communities who voted in the special elections described in subsection**
18 **(1) of this section in comparison to the percentage of eligible electors**
19 **in rural and nonurban communities who voted in the primary and**
20 **general elections held since January 1, 2015.**

21 **“(c) The total financial cost to the state to hold the special elections**

1 **described in subsection (1) of this section.**

2 **“(d) The total financial cost to counties in this state to hold the**
3 **special elections described in subsection (1) of this section.**

4 **“(3) The secretary shall submit a report, in the manner provided in**
5 **ORS 192.245, setting forth the findings of the study, to the interim**
6 **legislative committees on rules no later than January 1, 2021.**

7 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2,**
8 **2022.”.**

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