

Requested by Representative NOSSE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 224**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 3, after “247.965,” insert  
2 “248.006, 248.008,”.

3 Delete line 5 and insert “; re-”.

4 On page 15, delete lines 13 through 29 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 30.** ORS 248.006 is amended to read:

6 “248.006. (1) An affiliation of electors becomes a major political party in  
7 this state and is qualified to make nominations at a primary election when  
8 a number of electors equal to at least [*five*] **four** percent of the number of  
9 electors registered in this state are registered as members of the party not  
10 later than the 275th day before the date of a primary election. An affiliation  
11 of electors satisfying the requirements of this subsection shall be subject to  
12 the provisions of ORS 248.007 on the date the Secretary of State determines  
13 the registration requirements are satisfied.

14 “(2) The number of electors described in subsection (1) of this section  
15 shall be calculated based on the number of electors registered in this state  
16 and eligible to vote, as reported on the official abstracts of the election, at  
17 the general election immediately preceding the deadline specified in sub-  
18 section (1) of this section.

19 “(3) After an affiliation of electors becomes a major political party under  
20 subsection (1) of this section, in order to maintain status as a major political  
21 party subject to ORS 248.007, the party must satisfy the registration re-

1 quirement of subsection (1) of this section not later than the 275th day before  
2 each primary election.

3 “(4) An affiliation of electors ceases to be a major political party if the  
4 registration requirements of subsection (1) of this section are not satisfied  
5 by the 275th day before each primary election. The affiliation of electors  
6 ceases to be a major political party on the date the Secretary of State de-  
7 termines that the registration requirement is not satisfied.

8 “(5) When an affiliation of electors has not satisfied the registration re-  
9 quirement of subsection (1) of this section for the first time, at the request  
10 of a representative of the affiliation of electors, the Secretary of State shall  
11 determine not less than once each month whether at least [*five*] **four** percent  
12 of the number of eligible electors registered in this state are registered as  
13 members of the party. After an affiliation of electors has qualified as a major  
14 political party, the Secretary of State shall determine on the 271st day before  
15 each primary election whether the major political party has satisfied the  
16 registration requirements described in subsection (3) of this section.

17 **“SECTION 31.** ORS 248.008 is amended to read:

18 “248.008. (1) An affiliation of electors becomes a minor political party in  
19 the state, a county or other electoral district, qualified to make nominations  
20 for public office in that electoral district and in any other electoral district  
21 wholly contained within the electoral district, when the affiliation of elec-  
22 tors has acted as described in either paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection:

23 “(a)(A) When the affiliation of electors has filed with the Secretary of  
24 State a petition with the signatures of at least a number of electors equal  
25 to one and one-half percent of the total votes cast in the electoral district  
26 for all candidates for Governor at the most recent election at which a can-  
27 didate for Governor was elected to a full term.

28 “(B) The petition must contain only original signatures and must be filed  
29 not later than two years following the date the prospective petition is filed.  
30 The petition must state the intention to form a new political party and des-

1    ignite a name for the political party.

2       “(C) Before circulating the petition, the chief sponsor of the petition must  
3   file with the Secretary of State a signed copy of the prospective petition. The  
4   chief sponsor must include with the prospective petition a statement declar-  
5   ing whether one or more persons will be paid money or other valuable con-  
6   sideration for obtaining signatures of electors on the petition. After the  
7   prospective petition is filed, the chief sponsor must notify the filing officer  
8   not later than the 10th day after the chief sponsor first has knowledge or  
9   should have had knowledge that:

10       “(i) Any person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement  
11   included with the prospective petition declared that no person would be paid  
12   for obtaining signatures of electors.

13       “(ii) No person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement  
14   included with the prospective petition declared that one or more persons  
15   would be paid for obtaining signatures of electors.

16       “(D) The circulator shall certify on each signature sheet that the  
17   circulator witnessed the signing of the signature sheet by each individual  
18   whose signature appears on the signature sheet and that the circulator be-  
19   lieves each individual is an elector registered in the electoral district.

20       “(E) The Secretary of State shall verify whether the petition contains the  
21   required number of signatures of electors. The Secretary of State may not  
22   accept a petition for filing if it contains less than 100 percent of the required  
23   number of signatures. The Secretary of State by rule shall designate a sta-  
24   tistical sampling technique to verify whether a petition contains the required  
25   number of signatures of electors. A petition may not be rejected for the  
26   reason that it contains less than the required number of signatures unless  
27   two separate sampling processes both establish that the petition lacks the  
28   required number of signatures. The second sampling must contain a larger  
29   number of signatures than the first sampling. The Secretary of State may  
30   employ professional assistance to determine the sampling technique. The

1 statistical sampling technique may be the same as that adopted under ORS  
2 250.105.

3 “(b) When the affiliation of electors has polled for any one of its candi-  
4 dates for any public office in the electoral district at least one percent of the  
5 total votes cast in the electoral district for all candidates for:

6 “(A) Presidential elector at the last general election at which candidates  
7 for President and Vice President of the United States were listed on the  
8 ballot; or

9 “(B) Any single state office to be voted upon in the state at large for  
10 which nominations by political parties are permitted by law at the most re-  
11 cent election at which a candidate for the office was elected to a full term.

12 “(2) After satisfying either subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section, the  
13 minor political party may nominate candidates for election at the next gen-  
14 eral election.

15 “(3) A filing officer may not accept a certificate of nomination of a can-  
16 didate nominated by a minor political party for a subsequent general election  
17 unless the minor political party has maintained status as a minor political  
18 party as described in subsection (4) of this section.

19 “(4) In order to maintain status as a minor political party for a subse-  
20 quent general election:

21 “(a) Following each general election, at any time during the period be-  
22 ginning on the date of the next primary election and ending on the 90th day  
23 before the next general election, a number of electors equal to at least  
24 [*one-half*] **one-third** of one percent of the total number of registered electors  
25 in this state must be registered as members of the party; or

26 “(b)(A) Following each general election, at any time during the period  
27 beginning on the date of the next primary election and ending on the 90th  
28 day before the next general election, a number of electors equal to at least  
29 one-tenth of one percent of the total votes cast in the state or electoral dis-  
30 trict for all candidates for Governor at the most recent election at which a

1 candidate for Governor was elected to a full term must be registered as  
2 members of the party; and

3 “(B) At least once in a four-year period, a candidate or candidates of the  
4 party must poll at least one percent of the total votes cast in the electoral  
5 district for all candidates for:

6 “(i) Presidential elector at the last general election at which candidates  
7 for President and Vice President of the United States were listed on the  
8 ballot; or

9 “(ii) Any single state office to be voted upon in the state at large for  
10 which nominations by political parties are permitted by law at the most re-  
11 cent election at which a candidate for the office was elected to a full term.

12 “(5) An affiliation of electors that fails to maintain status as a minor  
13 political party ceases to be a minor political party on the 90th day before the  
14 date of the next general election.

15 “(6) During the period beginning on the date of the primary election and  
16 ending on the 90th day before the date of the general election, the Secretary  
17 of State shall determine at least once each month whether registration re-  
18 quirements to maintain status as a minor political party have been satisfied.

19 “(7) If a minor political party changes its name, only those electors who  
20 register on or after the effective date of the name change as members of the  
21 party under the new party name shall be counted as members of the party.

22 “(8) An affiliation of electors or a minor political party may not nominate  
23 a candidate who is the nominee of another political party at the same  
24 election in order to satisfy the one percent requirement referred to in sub-  
25 section (1)(b) or (4)(b)(B) of this section.

26 “(9) For purposes of this section, ‘subsequent general election’ means any  
27 general election that is held after the first general election following quali-  
28 fication as a minor political party under subsection (1) of this section.”.

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