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House Bill 2499

Ordered by the House June 10
Including House Amendments dated June 10

Sponsored by Representatives FAHEY, ZIKA; Representative PHAM (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Extends automatic voter registration to Oregon Health Authority and any state agency designated by Governor. Allows registration from these agencies to occur if no electronic signature is on file. Requires elector to provide signature in order for ballot to be counted.]

[Requires Secretary of State to coordinate with] Authorizes Department of Revenue to [obtain] disclose address information from individual tax returns to Secretary of State to verify address of voters contained in voter record. Authorizes county clerks to use information to update address if necessary.

Requires electronic voter registration system to allow qualified individual to register to vote if individual has Social Security number. Requires system to enable individual to submit electronic image or digital copy of signature. Further requires system to allow approved third-party organizations to submit registration cards electronically on behalf of individuals.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to voter registration; creating new provisions; amending ORS 247.019 and 247.292; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 247.

SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 314.835 and 314.840, and to the degree permitted under federal law, the Department of Revenue may disclose taxpayer address information to the Secretary of State for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the addresses of electors contained in the centralized voter registration system. In order to identify taxpayers whose address information the department may disclose under this section, the secretary may provide information from the centralized voter registration system to the department. The department may not use information provided by the secretary for any other purpose except for identifying taxpayer address information for electors contained in the centralized voter registration system.

(2) If the Secretary of State determines that an address for an elector obtained from the Department of Revenue under subsection (1) of this section is more current than the address for the elector contained in the centralized voter registration system, the secretary shall provide the information obtained under subsection (1) of this section to the county clerk of each affected county.

(3) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 3. ORS 247.292 is amended to read:

247.292. (1) A county clerk shall update the registration of an elector in the county upon re-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 ceiving evidence from:
- 2 (a) The elector indicating a residence or mailing address that is different from the residence or
3 mailing address for the elector as contained in the records of the county clerk;
- 4 (b) The United States Postal Service indicating a residence address that is different from the
5 residence address for the elector as contained in the records of the county clerk; or
- 6 (c) The Secretary of State as provided in ORS 247.017 or 247.295 **or section 2 of this 2021**
7 **Act.**

8 (2) When a county clerk updates the registration of an elector under subsection (1) of this sec-
9 tion, the clerk shall send a new voter notification card by nonforwardable mail to the elector as
10 provided in ORS 247.181. The clerk shall include a notice stating that if the residence address or
11 mailing address is not correct, the elector must notify the clerk.

12 (3) An elector is not disqualified from voting due to any error relating to an update of regis-
13 tration made under this section.

14 **SECTION 4.** ORS 247.019 is amended to read:

15 247.019. (1) The Secretary of State by rule shall adopt an electronic voter registration system
16 to be used by qualified persons who have a valid:

- 17 (a) Oregon driver license, as defined in ORS 801.245;
18 (b) Oregon driver permit, as defined in ORS 801.250; [*or*]
19 (c) State identification card, issued under ORS 807.400; **or**
20 (d) **Social Security number.**

21 (2) The electronic voter registration system shall allow a qualified person to complete and de-
22 liver a registration card electronically **and to electronically submit an electronic image or dig-**
23 **ital copy of the person's signature.** A registration card delivered under this section is considered
24 delivered to the Secretary of State for purposes of this chapter.

25 (3) A person who completes a registration card electronically under this section consents to the
26 use of the person's driver license, driver permit or state identification card signature, **or a digital**
27 **copy of the person's signature,** for voter registration purposes.

28 (4) **If available,** the Department of Transportation shall provide to the Secretary of State a
29 digital copy of the driver license, driver permit or state identification card signature of each person
30 who completes a registration card under this section.

31 (5) **The voter registration system may also include an application programming interface**
32 **to allow third-party organizations to securely submit registration cards electronically on**
33 **behalf of individuals. In order to submit registration cards under this subsection, a third-**
34 **party organization must be approved as a voter registration organization under a process**
35 **designed by the Secretary of State by rule.**

36 **SECTION 5.** (1) **Section 2 of this 2021 Act applies to records in the possession of the De-**
37 **partment of Revenue on or after the effective date of this 2021 Act.**

38 (2) **The Secretary of State and Department of Revenue shall implement section 2 of this**
39 **2021 Act and the amendments to ORS 247.019 and 247.292 by sections 3 and 4 of this 2021 Act**
40 **no later than January 1, 2024.**

41 **SECTION 6.** **This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**
42 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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