Senate Bill 249

Printed pursuant to Senate Interim Rule 213.28 by order of the President of the Senate in conformance with pre-session filing rules, indicating neither advocacy nor opposition on the part of the President (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments for Oregon Association of County Clerks)

SUMMARY

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

Allows county clerk to begin opening and counting mailed ballots upon receipt.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the tallying of ballots; amending ORS 254.478.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 254.478 is amended to read:

254.478. (1) Subject to ORS 260.705 [and not sooner than the seventh day before the date of an election], upon receipt of ballots delivered by mail and received by the county clerk, the county clerk may:

(a) Begin opening return identification and secrecy envelopes of ballots [delivered by mail and received by the county clerk]; and

(b) In accordance with a security plan approved by the Secretary of State under ORS 254.074, begin scanning ballots into a vote tally system.

(2) The county clerk may take any other actions that are necessary to count ballots [delivered by mail].

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.