

Senate Bill 249

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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

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2 Relating to the tallying of ballots; amending ORS 254.478.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 254.478 is amended to read:

5 254.478. (1) Subject to ORS 260.705 [*and not sooner than the seventh day before the date of an*
6 *election*], **upon receipt of ballots delivered by mail and received by the county clerk**, the county
7 clerk may:

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

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

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