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Senate Bill 250

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the office of the county clerk; amending ORS 205.242; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 205.242 is amended to read:

205.242. (1) *[Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, in every county,]* The office of the county clerk **in every county** shall **establish regular business hours** to receive and certify, as required *[by]* **under** ORS 93.620, instruments presented for recording, for a minimum of *[six hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., including the first hour and the last hour, on every day except Saturdays, Sundays and other holidays]* **four hours per day, and 30 hours per week, from Monday through Friday.**

(2) **Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section:**

(a) **The county clerk may reduce the number of regular business hours below the minimums required under subsection (1) of this section for:**

- (A) **A holiday recognized by the county governing body;**
- (B) **A state of emergency declared at the local, state or federal level; or**
- (C) **An event that poses a safety risk to the public or staff of the office.**

(b) **The county clerk may reduce the number of regular weekly business hours to less than 30 for training programs of the office of the county clerk, not to exceed two business day closures per year.**

[(2)] (3)(a) *[The provisions of this section may be modified for a fiscal year by]* **Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the county governing body may modify the regular business hours of the office of the county clerk for a fiscal year** upon adoption of a resolution in which *[it]* **the governing body** determines in its **sole** discretion that a fiscal emergency exists **in the county.**

(b) A resolution adopted under this subsection may be renewed, amended or repealed **by the county governing body.**

(c) *[Hours of recording shall]* **The regular business hours established under subsection (1) of this section may not be reduced under *[the]* a resolution to *[any]* a greater extent *[greater]* than the *[reductions for]* **regular business hours of other nonemergency county services housed within the same building are reduced.****

SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.

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