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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.

Provides that county clerk shall establish regular business hours of at least **four hours per day, and 30 hours per [work] week, Monday through Friday**, for receipt and certification of instruments presented for recording. Allows for reduction in certain circumstances.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the office of the county clerk; amending ORS 205.242; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 205.242 is amended to read:

5 205.242. (1) [*Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, in every county,*] The office of the
6 county clerk **in every county** shall **establish regular business hours to** receive and certify, as
7 required [*by*] **under** ORS 93.620, instruments presented for recording, for a minimum of [*six hours*
8 *between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., including the first hour and the last hour, on every day except*
9 *Saturdays, Sundays and other holidays*] **four hours per day, and 30 hours per week, from Monday**
10 **through Friday.**

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

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

14 **(A) A holiday recognized by the county governing body;**

15 **(B) A state of emergency declared at the local, state or federal level; or**

16 **(C) An event that poses a safety risk to the public or staff of the office.**

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

20 [(2)] **(3)(a)** [*The provisions of this section may be modified for a fiscal year by*] **Notwithstanding**
21 **subsection (1) of this section, the county governing body may modify the regular business**
22 **hours of the office of the county clerk for a fiscal year** upon adoption of a resolution in which
23 [*it*] **the governing body** determines in its **sole** discretion that a fiscal emergency exists **in the**
24 **county.**

25 **(b) A resolution adopted under this subsection may be renewed, amended or repealed by the**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

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

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

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