

Senate Bill 691

Sponsored by Senator BURDICK

SUMMARY

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Requires Secretary of State to ensure that county election officials conduct election recounts in manner that is consistent, transparent, accurate and pursuant to all applicable laws in recounts conducted in more than one county or involving nomination or election of member of Legislative Assembly.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the responsibilities of the Secretary of State in election recounts; amending ORS 258.150.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 258.150 is amended to read:

5 258.150. (1) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for [*insuring*] **ensuring** that the proce-
6 dures to be used in conducting election recounts assure an accurate recount in the shortest time
7 at the least expense. Whenever demands are filed for a recount of a vote for both a measure and a
8 nomination or office, or for more than one measure, nomination or office, the Secretary of State may
9 determine the most appropriate procedure to be used in conducting the recounts simultaneously.

10 **(2)(a) In all election recounts that are either conducted in more than one county or that**
11 **involve the nomination or election of a state Senator or state Representative, the Secretary**
12 **of State shall ensure that county election officials conduct the recount in a manner that is**
13 **consistent, transparent, accurate and in accordance with all applicable laws. The secretary's**
14 **responsibility under this subsection includes all aspects of the recount process, including:**

15 **(A) The appointment of counting boards;**

16 **(B) The conditions for recount observers;**

17 **(C) The disposition of any ballots that were received but not counted;**

18 **(D) The manner in which voter intent is determined;**

19 **(E) The counting of ballots; and**

20 **(F) The certification of the results of the election or nomination.**

21 **(b) The secretary may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.**
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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.