Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 691

- Delete lines 4 through 21 of the printed bill and insert:
- **"SECTION 1.** ORS 258.150 is amended to read:
- "258.150. (1) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for [insuring]
- 4 **ensuring** that the procedures to be used in conducting election recounts
- 5 assure an accurate recount in the shortest time at the least expense. When-
- 6 ever demands are filed for a recount of a vote for both a measure and a
- 7 nomination or office, or for more than one measure, nomination or office, the
- 8 Secretary of State may determine the most appropriate procedure to be used
- 9 in conducting the recounts simultaneously.
- "(2)(a) In all election recounts for the office of President and Vice-
- 11 President of the United States, United States Senate, United States
- 12 House of Representatives, Governor, Secretary of State, State Treas-
- 13 urer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and
- 14 Industries, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court, Cir-
- 15 cuit Court, Oregon Senate, Oregon House of Representatives and
- statewide measures, the Secretary of State shall ensure that county
- 17 elections officials conduct the recount in a manner that is consistent,
- 18 transparent, accurate and in accordance with all applicable laws.
- 19 "(b) The county clerk in each county involved in a recount de-
- 20 scribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide notice to the
- 21 Secretary of State of the date, time and location of the recount and

- information regarding all aspects of the recount process, including:
- 2 "(A) The appointment of counting boards;
- 3 "(B) The conditions for recount observers;
- 4 "(C) The manner in which voter intent is determined; and
- 5 "(D) The counting of ballots.
- "(c) The Secretary of State shall review the notices and actual retount processes described in paragraph (b) of this subsection to ensure
 consistency across counties involved in the recount to the degree reasonably practicable. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for the
 certification of the results of the election or nomination as reported
 by the county clerks in the counties involved in the recount.
- "(d) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.".

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