



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Explicitly guarantees electors right to vote and right to secret ballot.

Alters requirements for annual county elections security plans.

Prohibits candidate, political committee or petition committee from accepting aggregate contributions from single source of more than \$100 per calendar year in form of physical currency.

Explicitly prohibits confidential election records and information included in Address Confidentiality Program from being released as public record or as part of lists of electors.

Limits time period when political parties can request list of electors.

Adds family members living with election workers to address disclosure exemptions.

Exempts individuals' signatures on signature sheets from public disclosure.

Removes requirement that individuals who sign electronic signature sheets must do so in two places.

Authorizes Secretary of State to alter specified language required to be placed on election documents, provided that alteration in language does not materially change meaning.

Exempts certain costs from calculations of whether candidate is required to file statement of organization, establish campaign account or file required campaign finance statements.

Excludes candidate debate or forum for state office from being considered candidate contribution if host uses neutral criteria, set in advance, when determining who to invite.

Requires Secretary of State or Attorney General to notify subject of complaint that complaint has been filed only if secretary or Attorney General opens investigation.

Requires Governor to declare whether ballot measure is passed no later than 30 days after election.

Extends time after special district territory election for entry of order and return of deposits.

Allows county clerk to, upon request, permit elector who is absent from electoral district during election period to obtain ballot at office of county clerk or receive ballot by mail no earlier than 43 days before date of election.

Limits requirement to list place of residence to when two or more candidates for same nomination have same first and last name, as provided in official election documents. Exempts candidates for precinct committeeperson.



Removes ability of county clerk to cancel voter registration of person who registers to vote in another county in Oregon.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure prohibits the Secretary of State and county clerks from disclosing information that would reveal how a particular elector voted in an election in response to a public records request.

This measure also exempts from public disclosure the following:

- a) Information included in the Address Confidentiality Program;
- b) The residence address of any family member residing with an elector, if the elector requests that the county clerk keep the residence address exempt from public disclosure and the elector meets certain criteria; and
- c) Signatures of individuals on the signature sheets of petitions or prospective petitions.

If those records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the general public might be able to ascertain from public records how individual electors have voted in an election, information included in the Address Confidentiality Program, the residence addresses of family members residing with certain electors, and signatures of individuals on the signature sheets of petitions or prospective petitions.