House Bill 2580

Sponsored by Representative MORGAN; Representatives LEVY B, SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

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 as introduced.

Requires voters to update signature in voter registration file at least once every eight years. Moves to inactive elector status voters who fail to update signature.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to signature on voter registration card; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 247.013.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 247.

SECTION 2. (1) The signature an elector submits under this chapter for purposes of registering to vote must be updated at least once every eight years.

(2) The Secretary of State and the Department of Transportation shall adopt rules necessary to facilitate the updating of signatures in the manner required by this section.

SECTION 3. ORS 247.013 is amended to read:

247.013. (1) A qualified person shall be considered registered to vote in a county when the person's first registration in the county occurs as described in ORS 247.012.

(2) An elector who changes residence address from the county in which the elector is registered to a different county within the state, in order to vote in an election, must be an elector registered in the county in which the new residence address of the elector is located.

(3) If there is a change in any information required for registration under this chapter, and the elector has not changed residence address to another county, the registration of the elector may be updated as provided in this chapter.

(4) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3) of this section, if an elector changes residence address from the county in which the elector is registered to a different county within the state, the elector need not register again if the registration of the elector is updated.

(5) If the county clerk does not have evidence of a change in any information required for registration under this chapter for an elector, the registration of the elector shall be considered active.

(a) The county clerk has received evidence that there has been a change in the information required for registration under this chapter or the signature of the elector has not been updated in the manner required by section 2 of this 2023 Act; and

(b) The county clerk has mailed the notice described in ORS 247.563.

(7) The registration of an elector shall not be moved to an inactive file during the 60-day period prior to any election because the elector has not updated the signature of the elector in the manner required by section 2 of this 2023 Act.

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.

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The inactive registration of an elector must be updated before the elector may vote in an election.