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Update:

The Pacific Green Party currently has 7,808 members and so avoids the 1% statewide vote requirement by only 355 members. The Working Families Party currently has 8,377 members and thus avoids the 1% statewide vote requirement by only 924 members.

The Constitution Party has 3,879 members and thus cannot avoid the 1% statewide vote requirement. The Oregon Progressive Party 3,585 members and also cannot avoid the 1% statewide vote requirement. The No Labels Party as of June 6, 2023, is not listed as having any members in the Secretary of State's document.

The motor-voter system has rapidly increased the overall number of registered voters and will continue to do so, thus increasing the threshold for imposing the 1% statewide vote requirement. On the other hand, all parties in Oregon generally have declining memberships, because older members die and are not completely replaced by younger members, thanks largely to the motor-voter system that divorces the process of registering to vote from the selection of party identification by the voter. The system automatically registers new voters as non-affiliated. The previous system allowed the new registrant to select a party at the same time as the initial registration. The motor-voter system requires the new registrant to take a separate step to select a party identity.