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I strenuously oppose this bill. This bill, as written, has the potential to further weaken our voting rights and the election system in Oregon. It will weaken our party integrity. This also seems hard to verify and may allow other existing citizens to not have to qualify as everyone else in order to become a PCP, whether they fall into one of these categories or not. It is a totally unnecessary rule change that serves no purpose but to cause division within the parties and create more complicated rules. This bill allows for people who just turned 18, are write-in candidates, or who recently became citizens of the U.S. to have different qualifications for holding office of Precinct Committee Person (PCP) than existing citizens. This bill allows them to not have been registered to any political party for which they are wanting to hold office for any length of time. This allows non-citizens to become citizens without registering with a political party and then to become a PCP without having to qualify as existing citizens do. Write-in candidates and 18 year-olds can also become a PCP this way.