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### Written Testimony before the House Rules Committee in support of Sections 22 to 26 of the Dash-1 Amendments to Senate Bill 166

Dear Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and  
Representatives Nosse, Scharf, Valderrama, and Wallan,

The Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC) urges your support of the Dash-1 amendments to Senate Bill 166, specifically Sections 22 to 26, which incorporate three of OACC's proposed election law improvements this session. Here is a summary of those sections and their purpose:

- **Sections 22 and 23:** Same as [House Bill 2039](#) relating to special district proceedings, which would extend the time after a special district territory election for entry of the order and return of deposits. ORS chapter 198 is full of deadlines that often don't work. This bill fixes the deadlines in relation to special district territory proceedings (e.g., annexations) to make them work with today's election systems, tying them to certification of results.
- **Sections 24 and 25:** Same as [House Bill 3109](#) relating to ballots. If a voter requests an absentee ballot due to being absent from their home during the normal voting period, this would allow a county clerk to permit the voter to obtain their ballot at the office of the county clerk, or receive it by mail, when it's available. This would also narrow the requirement to list a candidate's place of residence to when two or more candidates have the same given and surname, and exempts candidates for precinct committeeperson entirely. The purpose is voter convenience. Also, the residence should only be listed if the names are exactly the same, otherwise it looks confusing. PCPs should be exempt from the requirement to list residence because they are seldom, if ever, competitive.
- **Section 26:** Same as [House Bill 3110](#) relating to voter registration, which would remove antiquated language in our election law that allows a county clerk to cancel the voter registration of a person who registers to vote in another county of this state. Our statewide voter registration system does not contemplate doing this any longer, so this misleading old language in the statute should be removed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Dash-1 amendments to Senate Bill 166. As always, the County Clerks stand ready to assist as needed.