

Senate Bill 557

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says that at least one of the OLCC members has to have a marijuana license. (Flesch Readability Score: 79.5).

Requires at least one of the commissioners of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission to hold a marijuana processor, marijuana producer, marijuana retailer or marijuana wholesaler license.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to membership requirements of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission; creating new
3 provisions; and amending ORS 471.705.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 471.705 is amended to read:

6 471.705. (1) There is created the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, consisting of nine
7 commissioners appointed by the Governor[.] **as follows:**

8 (a)(A) One commissioner must be from among the residents of each congressional district of this
9 state.

10 (B) One additional commissioner must be from eastern Oregon.

11 (C) One additional commissioner must be from western Oregon.

12 (D) One additional commissioner must represent the public at large.

13 (E) One commissioner must be from the food and alcoholic beverage retail industry.

14 (F) **At least one of the commissioners must hold a license issued under ORS 475C.065,**
15 **475C.085, 475C.093 or 475C.097.**

16 (b) Not more than five commissioners may be of the same political party.

17 (c) The Governor shall designate one commissioner to be chairperson of the commission.

18 (d) The commissioners are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

19 (2) Each commissioner at the time of appointment must be a resident of this state and must have
20 resided in this state for at least five years next preceding appointment and qualification. Each
21 commissioner must be an elector in this state and may not be less than 30 years of age. The term
22 of office of a commissioner terminates if the commissioner ceases to possess the residency or in-
23 dustry qualification for appointment. If the term of office of a commissioner terminates under this
24 subsection, the Governor shall appoint a qualified individual to complete the unexpired term of the
25 commissioner.

26 (3) The term of office of a commissioner is four years from the time of appointment and quali-
27 fication and until a successor qualifies for appointment. The terms of the commissioners commence
28 April 1. If a commissioner is allowed to hold office after the expiration of a term, the Governor shall
29 appoint the successor for the remainder of the unexpired term. If a vacancy occurs in the commis-
30 sion, the Governor shall appoint the successor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Each com-

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1 commissioner is eligible for reappointment, but an individual is not eligible to serve for more than two
2 full terms.

3 (4) Appointments of commissioners by the Governor under this section are subject to confirma-
4 tion by the Senate pursuant to [*section 4,*] Article III, **section 4, of the Oregon Constitution.**

5 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 471.705 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to com-**
6 **missioners appointed to the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission on or after the effec-**
7 **tive date of this 2025 Act.**

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