2021 Synopsis of **Oregon Election Laws**

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247	HB 2681	3	Add	Requires county clerk to notify elector by mail whose registration is considered inactive due to nonmatching signature or name change as of the 75th day before date of a primary election or general election and for whom county clerk has a valid and current mailing address. Establishes notice requirements. Allows county clerk to send notices prior to elections other than primary or general election. Effective September 25, 2021

Candidates; Recall

Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
SB 27	7	Amend	A certificate of nomination shall contain a number of signatures of voters in the district equal to not less than one percent of the total votes cast in the district for all candidates for presidential electors at the most recent presidential election. For an election following a boundary change, a certificate of nomination shall contain a number of signatures equal to not less than one percent of the average number of votes cast in all of the same form of electoral districts in this state for all candidates for presidential electors at the most recent presidential election. Effective July 14, 2021 Operative January 1, 2022
SB 27	16	Amend	Replaces requirement that chief petitioner's name and residence address appear on recall cover sheets with chief petitioner's name, city and state. Effective July 14, 2021 Operative January 1, 2022
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Initiative and Referendum

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
250.045	SB 27	1	Amend	Replaces requirement for chief petitioner names and residence addresses to appear on state initiative or referendum cover sheets with chief petitioner names, and their respective cities and state.
				Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022
250.048	HB 2323	6	Amend	Expands the prohibition against applying to be a registered paid circulator to include the circumstance where an applicant has had a civil penalty imposed under ORS 260.695(2).
				Effective September 25, 2021
250.165	SB 27	2	Amend	Replaces requirement for chief petitioner names and residence addresses to appear on county initiative or referendum cover sheets with chief petitioner names, and their respective cities and state.
				Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022
250.265	SB 27	3	Amend	Replaces requirement for chief petitioner names and residence addresses to appear on city initiative or referendum cover sheets with chief petitioner names, and their respective cities and state.
				Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022

Voters' Pamphlet

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
251	3021	2	Add	Requires Secretary of State to create and make publicly available a list of five most common languages spoken in the state and each county, other than English. Requires list to be based on best available data; include estimated number of individuals in each county who speak each listed language; and be updated at least once every five years. Requires Secretary of State to ensure each state and county voters' pamphlet mailed to county residents is translated into listed state languages, county languages spoken by 100 or more individuals, and each previously listed county language is made available on Secretary of State and applicable county websites. Requires state and county voters' pamphlets mailed to residents in certain county to be translated into most commonly spoken language in county if no language, other than English, is spoken by 100 or more county individuals. Identifies sections of state and county voters' pamphlet required to be professionally translated by Secretary of State and requires certain statements regarding translated voters' pamphlets. Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary for implementation and is responsible for all costs necessary to comply with section. Effective September 25, 2021
251	HB 3021	3	Add	Allows translations of federal or statewide candidate statements, required measure information, statements in support or opposition to a state measure, and argument for referred measure prepared by Legislative Assembly racial and ethnic impact statement, to be filed with Secretary of State in one of five state listed languages for state voters' pamphlet. Sets conditions for submission of translations.
				Translated material may exceed 325 words. Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary for implementation and is responsible for all costs necessary to comply with section. Effective September 25, 2021

ORS Chapter 251 (cont.)

Voters' Pamphlet

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
251	HB 3021	7	Add	Establishes Translation Advisory Council, appointed by Secretary of State, consisting of five at-large members and at least one translator member for each of five most commonly spoken languages, other than English, and for each language in each county that Secretary of State reasonably anticipates requiring a translated voters' pamphlet at next election. Establishes membership conditions and council operational requirements. Requires Secretary of State to consult with council to ensure translation is professionally conducted, culturally responsive, and serves intended community; accurate; and held to same standards as original.
251	HB 3021	8	Add	Sets term of office for two at large members and every other translator member first appointed to the Translation Advisory Council at three years. Effective September 25, 2021
251.026	HB 3021	4	Amend	Requires the printed version of the state and county's voters' pamphlet to include information on translated voters' pamphlet material and where material can be found. Allows Secretary of State to adopt rules to implement. Applies to voters' pamphlets produced after June 30, 2022. Effective September 25, 2021
251.055	HB 3021	5	Amend	Extends prohibition on certain types of material from appearing in state voters' pamphlet to translations of statements and arguments. Allows filer to make corrections to noncompliant translated material. Effective September 25, 2021

ORS Chapter 251 (cont.)

Voters' Pamphlet

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
251.315	HB 3021	6	Amend	Requires the printed version of a county voters' pamphlet to include information on translated voters' pamphlet material and where material can be found. Allows Secretary of State to adopt rules to implement. Applies to voters' pamphlets produced after June 30, 2022. Effective September 25, 2021
251.358	HB 3291	29	Repeal	Repeals provision allowing county clerk to omit certain measure information from the county voters' pamphlet. Effective July 19, 2021

Absent Electors

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
253.065	HB 3291	2	Amend	Establishes return identification envelope provisions for UOCAVA voters. Requirements include signature of elector, attestation the ballot was mailed no later than election day, summary of penalties for knowingly making a false statement, oath, or affidavit under election laws, and any language required by federal law. Effective July 19, 2021
252.255				
253.065	SB 27	12	Amend	For electors with mailing addresses outside the state, the county clerk shall deliver a ballot with the ballot instructions for marking and returning the ballot, a return identification envelope and, if used, a secrecy envelope.
				Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022
253.070	HB 3291	3	Amend	Removes requirement for UOCAVA ballots to be received by 8 pm on election night. UOCAVA ballot return identification envelope is considered mailed on election date if postal indicator is not present or legible and ballot is received not later than seven days after election. Requires ballots returned by means other than mail to be received by 8 pm on election day.
				Effective July 19, 2021
253.480	HB 3291	23	Amend	Upon receipt of an envelope containing a marked ballot from an absent elector, the clerk shall keep it safely in the office and, before delivering the ballot for counting, shall compare the signature of the absent elector that appears on the ballot envelope with that upon the elector's registration record.
				Effective July 19, 2021

ORS Chapter 253 (cont.)

Absent Electors

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
253.585	HB 3291	15	Amend	A ballot received by the Secretary of State shall be considered to have been received by the county clerk as described in ORS 253.070 if the secretary receives the ballot not later than 8 p.m. on the day of the elections or the ballot has a postal indicator showing that the ballot was mailed not later than the date of the election; and is received by the secretary not late than seven calendar days after the election. If a military of overseas elector returns a ballot by mail without a legible postal indicator, the ballot shall be considered to be mailed on the date of the election and may be counted if the ballot is received no later than seven calendar days after the election. Effective July 19, 2021
253.690	HB 3291	11	Amend	ORS 253.690(1) is amended to reference 254.470(10) in lieu of 254.470(8). Effective July 19, 2021

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
254.095	HB 3291	24	Amend	Updates subsection numbers based upon other section amendments.
				Effective July 19, 2021
254.103	HB 3291	25	Amend	Paragraph (1)(a) is renumbered as paragraph (1) and "Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section" is deleted. Paragraph (1)(b) is renumbered as paragraph 2 and the original paragraph 2 is deleted.
				Effective July 19, 2021
254.408	SB 27	13	Amend	New paragraph 4(a)(B) is added requiring the county clerk to inform the elector of any alteration to the process described in subparagraph (A) if the Secretary of State has approved a procedure under ORS 254.458 to be used in lieu of the envelope procedures.
				Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022
254.408	HB 3291	13	Amend	ORS 253.408(4)(b) is amended to reference 254.470(13) in lieu of 254.470(11).
				Effective July 19, 2021
254.411	HB 2681	5	Amend	Requires county clerk to notify elector by mail whose registration is considered inactive due to name change as of the 75th day before date of a primary election or general election and for whom county clerk has a valid and current mailing address.
				Effective September 25, 2021
254.431	HB 2681	4	Amend	Requires county clerk to notify voter whose registration is considered inactive due to nonmatching signature as of the 75th day before date of a primary election or general election and for whom county clerk has a valid and current mailing address.
				Effective September 25, 2021

ORS Chapter 254 (cont.)

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
254.431	HB 3291	16	Amend	ORS 254.431(2)(a) and (b) is amended to state the 21st calendar day in lieu of the 14th calendar day. ORS 254.431(3)(b) is amended to state the 14th calendar day in lieu of the 7th calendar day. Applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
254.458	HB 3291	14	Amend	A county clerk may apply to the Secretary of State for approval of a procedure to be used instead of the return identification envelope procedures described in ORS 254.470. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
254.470	HB 3291	1	Amend	Allows ballot returned by mail to have postal indicator showing that ballot was mailed not later than date of election and received by county clerk not later than seven calendar days after election date. Establishes requirements for return identification envelope to include signature of elector, attestation the ballot was mailed no later than election day, and summary of penalties for knowingly making a false statement, oath, or affidavit under election laws. Secretary of State to identify by rule an indicator on a returned ballot that demonstrates the date or time at when the ballot was mailed. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
254.478	SB 27	15	Amend	Subject to ORS 260.705 upon receipt of ballots, the county clerk may begin opening return identification envelopes of ballots and any used secrecy envelopes of ballots. Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022
254.478	HB 3291	22	Amend	Subject to ORS 260.705 upon receipt of ballots, the county clerk may begin opening return identification envelopes of ballots and any used secrecy envelopes of ballots. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.

ORS Chapter 254 (cont.)

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
254.485	HB 3291	4	Amend	Authorizes Secretary of State to establish by rule procedure for announcing the status of tally of ballots received after date of election. Rule should prioritize voter anonymity followed by timely reporting of election results. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022. Effective July 19, 2021
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254.529	HB 3291	8	Amend	A county clerk shall begin the hand counts not later that the 27th day after the election and complete the hand counts not later than the 35th day after the election. If necessary amended abstracts certifying the results of a second hand count as the official tally of votes must be a provided to appropriate elections officials not later than the 37th day after the election. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
254.545	HB 3291	5	Amend	Not later than the 27th day after the election, the county clerk shall deliver a copy of the abstracts for other than county offices to appropriate elections officials. Not later than the 35th day after the election, the county clerk shall proclaim which county measure is paramount, if two or more approved county measures contain conflicting provisions. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
254.546	HB 3291	6	Amend	Revises deadline for county elections official to deliver abstract of votes after a recall election, from 20 days to 27 days. Also revises deadline for Secretary of State to officially declare the result of the recall election from 30 days to 35 days if the Secretary ordered the election. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
254.548	HB 3291	9	Amend	In the case of an individual nominated or elected by write-in votes to a public office, not later than the 39th day after the election the filing officer shall (A) prepare and deliver by regular mail the form described in subsection (1) and (B) if the filing officer has the electronic mail address of the individual, prepare, and deliver by electronic mail the form described in subsection (1). Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021

ORS Chapter 254 (cont.)

254.555	HB 3291	7	Amend	Revises the deadline for the Secretary of State to prepare and deliver a certificate of nomination or election to candidates, issue a proclamation declaring the winners and certify the results of the election from the 30th day after the election to the 37th day. Changes the deadline for the Governor to issue a proclamation of approved measures from 30th day after the election to the 37th day. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022. Effective July 19, 2021

Special District Elections

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
255.012	SB 27	8	Amend	As used in this chapter, the definition of "district" is amended to add the following additional entities: A rural fire protection district; an airport district; a geothermal heating district; a water improvement district; a water control district; a weather modification district; a livestock district; a port; a school district; territory, other than territory within a city, proposed to be created, formed or incorporated into a district or to be annexed or otherwise added to a district; a soil and water conservation district; a heritage district; a radio and data district; a sand control district; a community college district; a 9-1-1 communications district; and an urban flood safety and water quality district. A vector control district is removed from the definition of "district."
				Operative January 1, 2022
255.075	SB 27	5	Amend	Requires notice of election for members of district board to be delivered to newspaper for printing, rather than be printed, no later than 40 days before filing deadline. Requires notice to be printed in next available edition of newspaper after filing deadline. Allows election officer to post notice on county website in lieu of printing notice in newspaper. Effective July 14, 2021
-				Operative January 1, 2022
255.085	SB 27	6	Amend	Requires notice to be printed in next available edition of newspaper after filing deadline. Allows election officer to post notice on county website in addition to printing notice in newspaper. Clarifies requirements regarding notice of ballot measure election and ballot title for district ballot measures. Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022
255.085	HB 3291	26	Amend	Paragraph 2 is deleted, and subsequent paragraphs are renumbered accordingly.
				Effective July 19, 2021

ORS Chapter 255 (cont.)

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
255.135	SB 27	4	Amend	Provides that the cover of an initiative or referendum petition provide name, city and state of not more than three chief petitioners.
				Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022
255.295	HB 3291	10	Amend	Not later than the 27th day after the date of an election, the elections officer shall prepare an abstract of the votes and deliver it to the district elections authority. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022. Effective July 19, 2021
255.345	HB 3291	20	Amend	ORS 255.345(1)(c) is amended to state the fourth Tuesday in August in lieu of the third Tuesday in September. Applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2022. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022. Effective July 19, 2021

Election Contests; Recounts

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
258.075	HB 3291	21	Amend	ORS 258.075(1)(c) is amended to state the fourth Tuesday in August in lieu of the third Tuesday in September. ORS 258.075(4) is amended to state Article XI, section 11 (8) of the Oregon Constitution in lieu of section 11 (8) of the Oregon Constitution. Applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2022. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022. Effective July 19, 2021

Campaign Finance Regulation; Election Offences

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
260	HB 2323	1-2	Add	Prohibits person from knowingly communicating materially false statement, including by electronic or telephonic means, with intent to mislead electors about election date, ballot deadline, voter registration deadline, voter registration method, ballot deposit locations, elector qualifications, or voter registration status within 30 days of primary election or special election or within 60 days of general election. Excludes broadcast of advertisement by radio, television station, or cable television company unless advertisement is created by owner, licensee, or operator of station or company. Effective September 25, 2021
260.232	SB 27	9	Amend	A hearing on whether to impose a civil penalty shall be held by the Secretary of State upon request of the person against whom the penalty may be assessed, if the request is made not later than the 20th day after the service date on the notice. The person may submit written testimony and other evidence sworn to before a notary public. Effective July 14, 2021
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260.285	SB 27	10	Amend	Operative January 1, 2022 The person against whom a penalty is assessed may submit testimony or other evidence to the Secretary of State electronically.
				Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022
260.345	HB 2323	3	Amend	Authorizes Secretary of State (SOS), except in case of violation by SOS or candidate for SOS, to institute civil proceedings and establishes civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for violations.
				Effective September 25, 2021

ORS Chapter 260 (cont.)

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
260.532	HB 2323	4	Amend	Adds circulation by electronic or telephonic means to existing prohibition of knowingly communicating a false statement of material fact relating to any candidate, political committee, or measure.
				Effective September 25, 2021
260.695	HB 2323	5	Amend	Requires imitation voters' pamphlets printed or circulated, including by electronic means, to be clearly marked as not official and establishes civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation.
				Effective September 25, 2021
260.695	HB 3291	12	Amend	ORS 260.695(2) and (3) is amended to reference 254.470(12) in lieu of 254.470(10). Applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2022. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
260.993	HB 2323	7	Amend	Provides that violation of ORS 260.695(5) is a class A misdemeanor.
				Effective September 25, 2021
260.995	HB 2323	8	Amend	Provides for \$10,000 penalty for each violation of 260.695(2).
				Effective September 25, 2021
260.995	SB 27	11	Amend	The Secretary of State or Attorney General may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation of ORS 260.555, 260.558, 260.575, 260.695(1) or 260.715(1) or Article IV, section 1b of the Oregon Constitution.
				Effective July 14, 2021
				Operative January 1, 2022

Statutes Outside Election Law

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
171.185	HB 3291	17	Amend	ORS 171.185(1)(c) is amended to state the fourth Tuesday in August in lieu of the third Tuesday in September. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
187.010	HB 2168	1-2	Amend	Establishes Juneteenth as a state holiday on June 19.
				Effective September 25, 2021
192.670	HB 2560	1	Amend	Requires all meetings held by a governing body of a public body, excluding executive sessions, to reasonably provide opportunity for members of the general public to access and attend the meeting by telephone, video, or other electronic or virtual means, and where in-person oral or written testimony is allowed, to allow oral testimony by telephone, video, or other electronic or virtual means and written testimony by electronic mail or other electronic means. Applies requirements to hearings under comprehensive land use and county planning and zoning statutes but excludes contested case hearings under the Administrative Procedures Act.
				Effective September 25, 2021
203.085	HB 3291	18	Amend	ORS 203.085(1)(c) is amended to state the fourth Tuesday in August in lieu of the third Tuesday in September. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
221.230	HB 3291	19	Amend	ORS 221.230(1)(c) is amended to state the fourth Tuesday in August in lieu of the third Tuesday in September. Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021

Statutes Outside Election Law (cont.)

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
264	HB 3126	1-3	Add	Allows a landowner to petition the county board to annex their land into a special district if the land is surrounded by the district and the water supply has become inadequate or contaminated, as determined by the local health department, as a result of conditions caused by a wildfire that is the subject of a state of emergency declared by the Governor. Requires petition to include statutorily required information and signatures, in addition to stating conditions that caused the water supply to become inadequate or contaminated. Requires county board to immediately approve landowner petition if the board determines that conditions for the petition are met and the district has a sufficient water supply. Requires the county board after petition approval to enter an order describing boundaries of the land and declaring the land annexed into district and requires district to provide water to the annexed land. Declares emergency, effective on passage.
				Effective July 19, 2021
294.474	HB 3291	19	Amend	ORS 294.474 is amended to reference ORS 254.103 in lieu of ORS 254.103(1). Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022.
				Effective July 19, 2021
341.565	HB 2090	1	Amend	Modifies process for Higher Education Coordinating Commission to amend community college district boundaries.
				Effective September 25, 2021
341.569	HB 2090	2	Amend	Requires that elections to modify district boundaries may only occur if funding is appropriated by Legislative Assembly.
				Effective September 25, 2021
341.573	HB 2090	3	Amend	Aligns process with state aid funding model for community colleges. Revises provisions for division of assets and liabilities between districts.
				Effective September 25, 2021
341.575	HB 2090	4	Amend	Adds provision pertaining to territory detached from a community college district.
				Effective September 25, 2021
450.905	HB 3291	28	Amend	Paragraph (1) is amended to reference ORS 255.085(2) in lieu of 255.085(3). Applicable for elections held on or after January 1, 2022. Effective July 19, 2021

Statutes outside election law (cont.)

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
475B.759	HB 3295	1	Amend	Provides for transfer of moneys to the Drug Treatment and Recovery Services Fund all monies in the Oregon Marijuana Account in Excess of \$11,250,000.
				Effective September 25, 2021
Unknown	HB 2526	1-2	Add	The second Monday in October of each year is designated as Indigenous Peoples' Day.
				Effective June 1, 2021
Unknown	SB 745	1-3	Add	Provides alternative criteria for a domestic water supply district to exercise the powers of a sanitary district. Proactively maintains current requirements that a district obtain all or part of its water supply from a watershed, that the watershed is recognized under Environmental Quality Commission rules as a watershed requiring protection from contamination, and that the district adopts a resolution requiring protection of watershed water quality for the health of district residents and the general public. Eliminates existing requirement that the watershed is located in a sole-source aquifer designated prior to 1991 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, and adds requirements that the district is located adjacent to a river that serves as a drinking water source for a metropolitan area with a population greater than 100,000 and that any part of the district is covered by the major disaster declaration related to wildfires requested by the Governor and approved by the U.S. President in September 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Effective June 11, 2021

Statutes outside election law (cont.)

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
Unknown	SB 220	1-2	Add	Specifies process and formalities for electronic witnessing of execution or acknowledgment of writings. Specifies that persons may be in electronic presence communicating in real time to the same extent as if the individuals were physically present in the same location. Specifies five requirements that must be met for a writing to be properly executed or acknowledged through electronic presence: 1) the witness has satisfactory evidence of the identity of the person; 2) the person executes or acknowledges the writing while in the electronic presence of the witness and causes the signature page to be emailed or sent by facsimile; 3) the witness, while located inside the United States, attests to the writing by signing the transmitted copy of the signature page while in the electronic presence of the person and delivers the signed executed signature page to the person via email or facsimile; 4) the person completes a declaration of electronic presence under penalty of perjury; and 5) the witness completes a declaration of remote attestation under penalty of perjury. Specifies criteria for satisfactory evidence of a person's identity and provides form for declaration of electronic presence. Prohibits remote witnessing for notarial acts, witnessing of execution of wills, or witnessing of signatures on petitions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.
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