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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 165
SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTIONS DIVISION

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FILING CAPTION: Proposes revisions to the rule designating National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) Agencies.

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 08/23/2024 5:00 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 08/20/2024

TIME: 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

OFFICER: Bob Roberts

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

The changes proposed by this rule are needed to expand access to voter registration opportunities to Native Americans residing in Oregon.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting (EO 14019) available online at [federalregister.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov) or from the Secretary of State Elections Division.

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

This rule promotes racial equity. Designating the Indian Health Service, Western Oregon Service Unit (Chemewa Health Center) as a NVRA site will expand opportunities to register to vote, ensuring all qualified Oregonians have equitable access to democracy.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The proposed amendments may cause minimal fiscal or economic impact to the Indian Health Service, Western Oregon

Service Unit (Chemewa Health Center) and the Secretary of State, Elections Division.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

1) There may be a minimal fiscal impact for the Indian Health Service, Western Oregon Service Unit (Chemewa Health Center) and the Secretary of State, Elections Division to implement and answer questions regarding compliance with this rule, or for other unanticipated reasons.

(2)(a) This rule is not expected to impact small businesses.

(b)-(c) The cost required to comply with this rule may be responsible for is dependent upon specific circumstances and cannot readily be determined.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses were not involved as this rule does not directly affect small businesses.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

The fiscal impact of the proposed amendments is expected to be minimal at most.

AMEND: 165-005-0055

RULE SUMMARY: The changes proposed would designate the Indian Health Service, Western Oregon Service Unit (Chemewa Health Center) as a new voter registration site for purposes of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

CHANGES TO RULE:

165-005-0055

Designating NVRA Voter Registration Agencies ¶¶

(1) "Voter Registration Agency" means one of the following:¶¶

(a) Armed Forces recruitment offices operated by the U.S. Department of Defense and Oregon National Guard Recruitment Offices;¶¶

(b) Oregon Commission for the Blind (OCB);¶¶

(c) Oregon Department of Human Services, Aging and People with Disabilities (APD);¶¶

(d) Oregon Department of Human Services, Area Agency on Aging (AAA);¶¶

(e) Oregon Department of Human Services, Self Sufficiency and Child Welfare (SS/CW);¶¶

(f) Oregon Health Authority, Contraceptive Care Program (CCare);¶¶

(g) Oregon Health Authority, Health Systems Division, Behavioral Health;¶¶

(h) Oregon Health Authority, Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC);¶¶

(i) Oregon Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR);¶¶

(j) Oregon Department of Transportation, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV);¶¶

(k) Public universities, as defined in ORS 352.002;¶¶

(l) Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS);¶¶

(m) Oregon Health Authority, Oregon State Hospital (OSH); ~~and~~¶¶

(n) Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA); ~~and~~¶¶

(o) Indian Health Service, Western Oregon Service Unit (Chemewa Health Center).¶¶

(2) "Agency Site" means any voter registration location named by a voter registration agency designated in section (1) of this rule.¶¶

(3) "County Elections Official" means the official responsible for voter registration in any county.¶¶

(4) Some voter registration agencies are not required under the National Voter Registration Act to be designated as voter registration agencies. Because their status as Voter Registration Agencies is voluntary, public universities are exempt from the requirements of ORS 247.208(2) and (4).¶¶

(5) The Armed Forces recruitment offices, operated by the U.S. Department of Defense, are exempt from reporting statistical information to the Secretary of State and report directly to the Election Assistance Commission.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 246.150,~~247.208~~

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 247.208,Executive Order 14019, Sec. 4