


# 2018 Synopsis of Oregon Election Laws

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# Summary Table of Election Related Bills Enacted

## Bill Order

### House Bills

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None

### Senate Bills

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<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>ORS</b>
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SB 1510	Relating to elections; creating new provisions; amending ORS 247.973, 249.037, 249.068, 249.072, 249.200, 250.045, 250.052, 254.155, 254.165, 254.470, 254.548, 255.295, 260.005, 260.039, 260.042, 260.044, 260.057, 260.118 and 260.215; and declaring an emergency.
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SB 1567	Relating to the method major political parties use to nominate candidates to fill vacancies; creating new provisions; amending ORS 171.051 and 249.215; and declaring an emergency.
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# ORS Chapter 247

## Qualification and Registration of Voters

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
247.973	SB 1510	22	Amend	<p>Allows for public inspection of a voter's signature in the Secretary of State's office, in addition to the office of the county clerk.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018, 2018</p>
TBD – New Sections of ORS Chapter 247 to be created	SB 1510	20-21	Creating New Provisions	<p>Creates new provisions to exempt from public disclosure a voter's month and day of birth, social security number, and driver license number. Additionally, a voter's signature is only available for public inspection under the provisions of ORS 247.973. Includes list of specific information contained in voter's registration record that is subject to inspection as a public record and must be included in a voter file provided under ORS 247.940 and ORS 247.945. Directs the Secretary of State to maintain and update a list that identifies voters who have and have not cast their ballot during the election period and make the list available each business day during the election period.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>



# ORS Chapter 249

## Candidates; Recall

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
249.037	SB 1510	8	Amend	<p>Changes references from “primary election” to “nominating election” where the intent to reference the same process was necessary, and remove potential ambiguity.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
249.068	SB 1510	13	Amend	<p>Clarifies requirements regarding the number and distribution of individuals signing partisan petitions.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
249.072	SB 1510	12	Amend	<p>Clarifies requirements regarding the number and distribution of individuals signing nonpartisan petitions.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
249.200	SB 1510	7	Amend	<p>Harmonized references from “primary election” to “nominating election” where same intent was present and remove potential ambiguity.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
249.215	SB 1567	2	Amend	<p>Requires major political parties to follow the procedure in ORS 249.200 to select the party nominee for the unexpired term created by a vacancy in the office of state Senator.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>





# ORS Chapter 250

## Initiative and Referendum

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
250.045	SB 1510	17	Amend	<p>Caps at 2,000 the number of signatures that may be included on a prospective petition to initiate a state measure. Clarifies the obligation of the Secretary of State to include the final certified ballot title on official templates for initiative petitions.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
250.052	SB 1510	18	Amend	<p>Requires that if the ballot title for a state initiative petition has been challenged under ORS 250.085, the Secretary of State may not issue official templates for the initiative petition until the Supreme Court has certified a final ballot title.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>


# ORS Chapter 254

## Conduct of Elections

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
254.155	SB 1510	11	Amend	<p>Removes the requirement that the Secretary of State provide a random ordering of the alphabet if only one candidate is listed on the ballot, such as in the event of a recall election.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
254.165	SB 1510	6	Amend	<p>Provides if a county clerk determines no later than the 61<sup>st</sup> day before the election a candidate has died, withdrawn, becomes disqualified or will not be qualified in time for the office the county clerk will not include the candidate's name on the ballot or if ballots have been printed but sent voters will cause the ballots to be reprinted.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
254.470	SB 1510	4	Amend	<p>Allows a nonaffiliated voter to vote in the primary election of a major political party that has opened their primary to submit a completed and signed ballot request electronically, in person or by mail, in a manner determined by the Secretary of State by rule.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
254.548	SB 1510	9	Amend	<p>Extends the deadlines for write-in candidates to receive, accept and file the write-in acceptance form with the filing officer, to occur after certification.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>






# ORS Chapter 255

## Special District Elections

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
255.295	SB 1510	10	Amend	<p>Extends the deadline for district elections authority to determine the results of the election from the 40<sup>th</sup> day after the election to the 45<sup>th</sup> day.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>

# ORS Chapter 260



## Campaign Finance Regulation, Election Offenses

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
260.005	SB 1510	14	Amend	<p>Provides that an independent expenditure must be reported if the aggregated expenditure(s) totals are more than \$750, to make this statute consistent with other sections and other statutes.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
260.039	SB 1510	5	Amend	<p>Allows candidate committees to provide the name of the committee's financial institution within five business days of filing their statement of organization.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
260.042	SB 1510	15	Amend	<p>Allows political committees to provide the name of the committee's financial institution within five business days of filing their statement of organization.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
260.044	SB 1510	2	Amend	<p>Provides that an independent expenditure made, by an independent expenditure filer, prior to the 42<sup>nd</sup> calendar before a primary or general election not disclosed by the 43<sup>rd</sup> day must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of the independent expenditure or the 35<sup>th</sup> calendar day before the date of the primary or general election, whichever date occurs first.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
260.057	SB 1510	1	Amend	<p>Provides that contributions and expenditures made or received, by a candidate or political committee, prior to the 42<sup>nd</sup> calendar before a primary or general election not disclosed by the 43<sup>rd</sup> day must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of the contribution or expenditure or the 35<sup>th</sup> calendar day before the date of the primary or general election, whichever date occurs first.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>




## ORS Chapter 260 (cont.)

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260.118	SB 1510	3	Amend	<p>Allows petition committees to provide the name of the committee's financial institution within five business days of filing their statement of organization.</p> <p>Provides that contributions and expenditures made or received, by a petition committee, prior to the 42<sup>nd</sup> calendar day before the deadline to file signatures, the primary or general election not disclosed by the 43<sup>rd</sup> day before those dates must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of the contribution or expenditure or the 35<sup>th</sup> calendar day before the date of the primary or general election, whichever date occurs first.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>
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260.215	SB 1510	16	Amend	<p>Updates the statutory reference to the correct subsection of ORS 260.118 as revised by this bill.</p> <p> Effective April 3, 2018</p>

## Statutes outside Election Law

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
171.051	SB 1567	1	Amend	Requires major political parties to follow the procedure in ORS 249.200 to select the party nominee for the unexpired term created by a vacancy in the office of state Senator.  Effective April 3, 2018