


# 2022 Synopsis of Oregon Election Laws

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HB 4133	<p>Allows individuals to register to vote online using the last four digits of their Social Security number and an electronic image of their signature; allows approved third-party organizations to submit voter registration cards electronically.</p> <p>HB 4133 must be implemented by January 1, 2026, but the law becomes effective on January 1, 2023.</p>	4
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SB 1527	<p>Relating to election administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clarifies procedures for secrecy envelopes/sleeves and recounts;</li> <li>- changes deadlines for write-in candidacy process;</li> <li>- changes term of office of precinct committee persons;</li> <li>- changes threshold to qualify as minor party;</li> <li>- extends deadline to verify signatures for certain recall petitions;</li> <li>- extends time period to provide notice of complaints filed with Secretary of State.</li> </ul> <p>SB 1527 is effective on March 23, 2022</p>	5-9

# ORS Chapter 247

## Qualification and Registration of Electors

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
247.019	HB 4133	1-2	Amend	<p>Allows individuals to register to vote online using the last four digits of their Social Security number and an electronic image of their signature.</p> <p>Allows approved third-party organization to securely submit registration cards electronically on behalf of individuals.</p> <p>Requires Secretary of State to create administrative rules for this process.</p>
247.965	HB 4144	1, 3	Amend	<p>Requires county clerk to exempt an election worker's residence address from public record if the worker meets the criteria set out by the Secretary of State in administrative rule.</p>

# ORS Chapter 248

## Political Parties; Presidential Electors

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
248.008	SB 1527	10	Amend	Reduces the threshold of voters that must be registered to vote as members of a minor political party in order for the party to retain political party status. Minor parties must have a membership consisting of one-quarter of one percent of total number of registered voters in the state.
248.015	SB 1527	8	Amend	Changes precinct committeeperson term of office so that it begins on the 35 <sup>th</sup> day after the primary election and ends on the 35 <sup>th</sup> day after the date of the next primary election.
248.023	SB 1527	7	Amend	Changes post-election deadlines for precinct committeeperson elections (PCP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not later than the <b>27<sup>th</sup> day after the primary the county shall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mail a certificate of election to each elected PCP</li> <li>○ Mail a Write-In Acceptance Form (SEL 141) to each PCP elected by write-in</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Not later than the <b>33<sup>rd</sup> day after the primary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a PCP elected by write-in votes must return a signed SEL 141 to the county if they intend to accept the office</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Not later than the <b>35<sup>th</sup> day after a primary election,</b> the county shall:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prepare, maintain and furnish to the chairpersons a list of the party precinct committeepersons elected and certified</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# ORS Chapter 249

## Candidates; Recall

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
249.875	SB 1527	3	Amend	Extends deadline for filing officer to verify petition signatures for non-special district recall elections from 10 days to <b>30 days</b> .

# ORS Chapter 254

## Conduct of Elections

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
254.458	SB 1527	1	Amend	Corrects statutory reference from "return identification envelope" to "secrecy envelope."
254.548	SB 1527	6	Amend	Allows filing officer to email Write-In Acceptance Form (SEL 141) to candidates elected or nominated by write-in votes when an email address is available.

Changes post-election write-in deadlines:

- Not later than the **38<sup>th</sup> day after an election** the filing officer shall send an SEL 141 to candidates elected or nominated by write-in
  - Not later than the **43<sup>rd</sup> day after an election** a candidate elected or nominated by write-in votes must return a signed SEL 141 to the filing officer if they intent to accept
  - Not later the **45<sup>th</sup> day after an election** the filing officer shall send a certificate of nomination or election to a candidate that accepted the nomination or election and if applicable, issue a proclamation
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# ORS Chapter 258

## Election Contests; Recounts

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
258.150	SB 1527	9	Amend	<p>Requires Secretary of State to ensure consistency across counties involved in a recount for the offices listed in ORS 258.150.</p> <p>Requires county clerk to provide notice to Secretary of State of date, time and location of recount and information regarding all aspects of recount process.</p> <p>Allows Secretary of State to create administrative rules for this process.</p>
258.161	SB 1527	5	Amend	<p>Changes deadline for filing a recount demand and a supplemental demand. Except as provided in ORS 158.161(9) relating to presidential electors, the first demand shall be filed with the Secretary of State not later than the <b>42<sup>nd</sup></b> day and a supplemental demand not later than the <b>52<sup>nd</sup></b> day after the date of the election.</p>
258.190	SB 1527	2	Amend	<p>Allows Secretary of State to send recount notice by email.</p>

# ORS Chapter 260

## Campaign Finance Regulations; Election Offenses

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
260.345	SB 1527	4	Amend	<p>Extends deadline by which Secretary of State or Attorney General must notify subjects that a complaint was filed from 48 hours to three business days.</p> <p>Allows the Secretary of State or Attorney General to notify subjects of complaints within 10 business days when complaints involving more than 10 individuals are received within 48 hours.</p>



## Statutes Outside Election Law

<b>ORS</b>	<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Synopsis</b>
166.065	HB 4144	2	Amend	Provides additional protection to election workers. The punishment for harassment is typically a Class B misdemeanor, but the punishment increases to a Class A misdemeanor if the harassment occurs while an election worker is performing their official duties or because of an action or decision they made while performing their official duties.