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ORS Chapter 198

Special Districts

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
198.765	SB 306	§2	Amend	<p>Requirements for Filing Petition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes reference from “primary or general” to “May or November” election. • Effective January 1, 2011
198.815	SB 306	§1	Amend	<p>Election on Formation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes reference from “primary or general” to “May or November” election. • Removes requirement that at least 50 percent of registered electors eligible to vote in the election cast a ballot for district to be able to impose operating taxes not in excess of the permanent rate limit where the proposal for formation included a permanent rate limit. • Effective January 1, 2011

ORS Chapter 246

Administration Of Election Laws

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
246.140	SB 10	§70	Amend	<p>Conferences to be Held Biennially</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes references to regular legislature session and requires that conferences be conducted biennially. • Requires that Secretary of State conduct conferences not later than December 31 of an odd numbered year following adjournment sine die of that year’s legislative assembly. • Effective June 28, 2011

ORS Chapter 247

Qualification and Registration Of Electors

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
247.012	HB 2256	§1	Amend	<p>Updating Voter Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows elector who is updating their registration and leaves party affiliation blank to maintain previous party affiliation, even if they are registering in a new county. • Effective January 1, 2012
247.208	HB 2880	§3	Amend	<p>NVRA Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires Secretary of State to do the following once a biennium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assess federal guidelines regarding compliance with NVRA ○ Identify barriers and research opportunities for ensuring the accuracy, security and efficiency of current registration processes at NVRA agencies. ○ Identify ways to improve current technology. • Effective June 16, 2011

ORS Chapter 249

Candidates Recall

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
249.002	SB 552	§ 10	Amend	<p>Definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes “superintendent of public instruction” from definition of “nonpartisan office” and “state office.” Note: Superintendent of Public Instruction is no longer an elected position. The Governor will act as Superintendent of Public Instruction and will appoint a Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction after the current term is completed. Effective August 5, 2011.
249.037	HB 2433	§1	Amend	<p>Filing Deadlines for Vacancy in Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a vacancy in a partisan office, where the vacancy occurs after the 80th day and before the 70th day before the primary election, a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy must be filed not later than the 65th day before the election. Effective January 1, 2012
249.052	HB 3576	§1	Amend	<p>Determining Residency of Candidate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to candidates for state representative or state senator. Allows elections official to consider the following factors when determining if the candidate is an inhabitant of the district: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> where the candidate receives personal mail, where the candidate is licensed to drive, where the candidate registers motor vehicles for personal use, where any immediate family members of the candidate reside, the address from which the candidate pays for utility services, the address from which the candidate files any federal or state income tax returns, and the candidate’s voter registration, if any. Effective January 1, 2012
249.056	SB 552	§11	Amend	<p>Filing Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes “superintendent of public instruction” from list of offices for which there is a \$100 filing fee. Effective August 5, 2011.
249.088	HB 2256	§2	Amend	<p>Nomination of Candidate at Nominating Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rewritten for clarity. Makes non-substantive changes. Effective January 1, 2012
249.091	HB 2256	§3	Amend	<p>Nomination of Certain Nonpartisan Candidates without Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rewritten for clarity. Makes non-substantive changes. Effective January 1, 2012
249.215	SB 552	§12	Amend	<p>Filling Vacancy in State Office at General Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes “superintendent of public instruction” from list of state offices to which the section applies. Effective August 5, 2011.

ORS Chapter 250

Initiative and Referendum

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
New	HB 2634	§2	New	<p>Citizens Initiative Review Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes 11 member Citizens' Initiative Review Commission in executive branch to ensure citizen panels are convened to review measures in fair way and to adopt rules necessary to carry out their duties. Establishes how members will be chosen. Makes term of office for members four years. Effective June 16, 2011.
New	HB 2634	§3	New	<p>First Citizens Initiative Review Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes rules for first Citizens Initiative Review Commission. Provides for 7 members, and establishes how those members will be chosen. Establishes term of office of two or four years, chosen at random by the Governor. Effective June 16, 2011
New	HB 2634	§4	New	<p>Contributions to Citizens Initiative Review Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows Citizens Initiative Review Commission to accept contributions and agree to conditions on the moneys if they are not inconsistent with the duties of the commission. Requires that, for persons or entities who contribute more than \$100 in a calendar year, Commission post the name, address and amount of the contributions on the internet. Allows Commission to hire necessary staff and appoint an executive director. Effective June 16, 2011
New	HB 2634	§5	New	<p>Administering Citizens Initiative Review Commission and Citizen Panels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires Citizens' initiative Review Commission to select one or more state measures and convene a separate citizen panel to review each selected measure. Designates criteria for choosing measures. Requires that panels contain 18 to 24 electors chosen from a representative sample of anonymous electors. Designates which demographic categories the Commission must consider when ensuring that panels fairly reflect the population of Oregon. Requires Commission, through money collected in Citizens' Initiative Review Fund, to compensate electors for time served on the panel and travel expenses, provide for the costs of convening the panel, and pay the costs of Voters' Pamphlet statements to the Secretary of State. Requires that panels meet on five consecutive days for a total of not less than 25 hours. Requires that panels conduct public hearings and receive testimony from proponents and opponents of the measure. Requires chief petitioners to designate two people to provide information in favor of the measure. If chief petitioners do not timely choose, Commission will choose two proponents. Requires that commission designate two persons who oppose the measure Requires that Commission notify each panel of any complaints not later than the fourth day the panel convenes. Requires Commission to choose and compensate two moderators for every panel. Effective June 16, 2011

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
New	HB 2634	§6	New	<p>Evaluation of Panels by Moderators and Electors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that, not later than February 1 of an odd numbered year, moderators convene to evaluate the procedures related to the panels and submit a written report to the Citizens Initiative Review Panel. When they convene, they shall appoint two moderators to be members of the Commission. • Requires that, not later than February 1 of an odd numbered year, two electors from each citizen panel convene to evaluate the procedures related to the panel and submit a written report to the Citizens' Initiative Review Commission. When they convene, they shall appoint two electors from the convened electors to be members of the commission. • Requires that Commission review the findings of the moderators and electors and make their findings available to the public. • Effective June 16, 2011
New	HB 2634	§7	New	<p>Citizens' Initiative Review Panel Voters' Pamphlet Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that each Citizen Panel prepare and file with the Secretary of State a statement in favor of the measure, a statement opposed to the measure, and/or a statement that "no panelist took this position," if the panel was unanimous in support or opposition. • Designates person to be allowed to review the statements before they are submitted and provide feedback. • Requires that Secretary of State clearly differentiate such statements from other arguments or statements in the voters' pamphlet. • Requires that Secretary of State include an explanation, provided in the statute, of the citizen panel. • Requires that Secretary of State provide deadline for such statements by rule, not sooner than the 70th day before the election. • Effective June 16, 2011
New	HB 2634	§8	New	<p>Citizens' Initiative Review Fund Established in Treasury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that Citizens' Initiative Review Fund be established in the State Treasury, separated from the General Fund. • Effective June 16, 2011
New	HB 2634	§9	New	<p>Review of Available Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not later than 4 months before the general election, the Commission shall determine if it has sufficient funds to carry out its duties. • If the Commission does not have sufficient funds, they may not carry out the duties assigned under sections five to seven of the act, and may not submit voters' pamphlet statements. • Effective June 16, 2011
250.127	HB 2257	§1	Amend	<p>Filing Voters' Pamphlet Statements Electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires financial estimate committee to file voters' pamphlet statement electronically • Applies to estimates, portraits, statements or arguments filed on or after January 1, 2012 • Effective June 16, 2011
250.175	HB 2256	§6	Amend	<p>Ballot Titles for Certain County Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows county, in addition to publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation, to publish a notice on the county's website for a minimum of seven days. • Effective January 1, 2012

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
250.275	HB 2256	§7	Amend	Ballot Titles for Certain City Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows city, in addition to publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation, to publish a notice on the city's website for a minimum of seven days.• Effective January 1, 2012

ORS Chapter 251

Voters Pamphlet

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
251	HB 2257	§9	New	<p>Voters' Pamphlet Electronic Filing System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires Secretary of State to adopt an electronic filing system to allow electronic filing of estimates, portraits, statements and arguments. • Effective January 1, 2012
251.065	HB 2257	§2a	Amend	<p>Candidate Voters' Pamphlet Filed Electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows candidate for state office to file voters' pamphlet statement electronically. • Requires that portraits and statements filed electronically be submitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not later than the 64th day before the primary election ○ Not later than the 68th day before the general election ○ For a vacancy (per ORS 249.037), not later than the 63rd day before the primary. • Materials filed electronically are exempt from public inspection until the 4th business day after the final date for filing voters' pamphlet materials. • Effective for statements filed on or after January 1, 2012.
251.065	HB 2433	§2	Amend	<p>Voters' Pamphlet Filing for Vacancies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where there is a vacancy as described in ORS 249.037(2), the voters' pamphlet portrait and statement may be filed not later than the 63rd day before the primary election. • Effective January 1, 2012
251.095	HB 3148	§1	Amend	<p>Voters' Pamphlet Signature Requirements for Candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires signatures submitted for state senator, state representative and any other office to be those of active electors of the candidate's electoral district. • Reduces required signatures from 300 to 200. • Allows Secretary of State to verify signatures. • Applies to space in voters' pamphlets prepared on or after January 1, 2012
251.115	HB 3148	§2	Amend	<p>Voters' Pamphlet Signature Requirements for Political Party or Assembly of Electors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines "active elector" to comport with ORS 247.013 • Requires voters' pamphlet signatures to be collected from active electors. • Allows Secretary of State to verify signatures. • Applies to space in voters' pamphlets prepared on or after January 1, 2012
251.115	HB 2257	§3	Amend	<p>Assembly of Electors/Statewide Party Voters' Pamphlet Statement Filed Electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows statewide political party or assembly of electors to file statement of arguments for voters' pamphlet electronically. • Effective for statements filed on or after January 1, 2012.
251.185	HB 2634	§10	Amend	<p>Citizen Panel Voters' Pamphlet Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the Secretary of State to include any statement submitted for state measures by a citizen panel in the voters' pamphlet. • Effective June 16, 2011
251.205	HB 2257	§4	Amend	<p>Referred Measure Voters' Pamphlet Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renumbered for clarity. • Effective for statements filed on or after January 1, 2012.
251.215	HB 2257	§5	Amend	<p>Voters' Pamphlet Explanatory Statement filed Electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that the explanatory statement prepared pursuant to ORS 251.205 be filed electronically. • Effective for statements filed on or after January 1, 2012.

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
251.225	HB 2257	§6	Amend	Legislative Counsel Committee Voters' Pamphlet Statement Filed Electronically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that the Legislative Counsel Committee voters' pamphlet explanatory statement be filed electronically. • Effective for statements filed on or after January 1, 2012.
251.245	HB 2257	§7	Amend	Joint Committee Voters' Pamphlet Statement Filed Electronically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that voters' pamphlet argument for a referral be filed electronically. • Effective for statements filed on or after January 1, 2012.
251.255	HB 2257	§8	Amend	Measure Arguments Filed Electronically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows measure arguments for voters' pamphlet to be filed electronically. • Effective for statements filed on or after January 1, 2012.

ORS Chapter 253

Absent Electors

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
253.065	HB 2256	§4	Amend	<p>Delivery of Ballot for Long Term Absent Elector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes requirement that name, title and address of county clerk appear on the front of the envelope. Effective January 1, 2012
253.690	HB 3074	§1	Amend	<p>Long Term Absent Elector Voting Method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows long term absent elector to vote using electronic mail. Requires that if a ballot is cast using a facsimile machine, the return identification envelope and waiver must also be submitted using a facsimile machine. Requires that if ballot is cast using electronic mail, the return identification envelope and waiver must also be submitted by electronic mail. Allows county clerk or Secretary of State to take action (starting June 9, 2011) before January 1, 2012 to enable secretary or clerk to exercise all duties imposed by the amendment to ORS 253.690 Effective January 1, 2012.

ORS Chapter 254

Conduct of Elections

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
254.005	SB 552	§13	Amend	<p>Definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes “superintendent of public instruction” from definition of “nonpartisan office.” • Effective August 5, 2011.
254.103	HB 2256	§9	Amend	<p>Measures Referred by County Governing Body</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that county governing body include the ballot title when they file a referral unless the referral is being resubmitted from the previous ballot and failed. • Effective January 1, 2012

ORS Chapter 255

Special District Elections

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
255.075	HB 2256	§10	Amend	<p>Publication Notice for District Election to Elect District or School Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows elections officer, in addition to publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation, to publish a notice on the county's website for a minimum of seven days. Effective January 1, 2012
255.085	HB 2256	§11	Amend	<p>Publication Notice for Certain District Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows elections officer, in addition to publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation, to publish a notice on the county's website for a minimum of seven days. Effective January 1, 2012
255.135	HB 2256	§13	Amend	<p>District Initiative Petitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives chief petitioners two years from the date the petition is approved to circulate to gather signatures for a district petition Removes requirement that chief petitioner file statement that petition is still active. Requires that elections filing officer reject any petition that takes more than 2 years to collect signatures. Requires that petition to initiate a district measure be filed not less than 90 days before the election at which the proposed law is to be voted on. Applies to petitions to initiative district measures for which a prospective is filed before, on or after January 1, 2012. Does not apply to petitions to initiate district measures for which an election will be held on the measure on or after January 1, 2012.
255.145	HB 2256	§12	Amend	<p>Publication Notice for Ballot Titles for Certain District Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows elections officer, in addition to publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation, to publish a notice on the county's website for a minimum of seven days. Effective January 1, 2012

ORS Chapter 258

Election Contests Recounts

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
258.036	SB 552	§14	Amend	<p>Petition of Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes reference to “superintendent of public instruction” from list of offices for which contest petition is filed with Marion County Circuit Court. Effective August 5, 2011.
258.055	SB 552	§15	Amend	<p>Publication of Notice of Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes references to “superintendent of public instruction” from exceptions to contest procedure. Effective August 5, 2011.
258.280	HB 2912	§1	Amend	<p>Automatic Recount</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For elections held under ORS 249.088 (primary elections), the Secretary of State shall order a full recount of votes cast for nomination or election to nonpartisan office for which Secretary of State is the filing officer, and the county clerk who conducted the election shall order a full recount of the votes cast for nomination or election to any other nonpartisan office, if the number of votes cast for a candidate differs from a majority of votes cast for the office by not more than one-fifth of one percent of the total votes cast for the office. Does not apply to sheriff, county clerk, county treasurer or a candidate to fill a vacancy as described in ORS 249.088. Effective January 1, 2012.

ORS Chapter 260

Campaign Finance Election Offenses

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
260.005	HB 2433	§3	Amend	<p>Definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes definition of “Slate Mailer Organization” from definitions. Effective January 1, 2012.
260.005	SB 552	§16	Amend	<p>Definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes “superintendent of public instruction” from definition of “state office.” Effective August 5, 2011.
260.035	HB 2433	§4	Amend	<p>Candidate May Appoint Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A candidate may be their own treasurer or may appoint and certify the name and address of a treasurer. The treasurer is subject to all of the duties in ORS 260.035 to 260.156. Requires that contributions be received and expenditures made by the candidate or treasurer of a principal campaign committee. Effective January 1, 2012.
260.038	HB 2433	§5	Amend	<p>Replacement of Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds petition committee to committees that shall appoint a treasurer. In the event a treasurer leaves (death, resignation or removal), the committee has 14 days to appoint a successor and certify the name and address to the filing officer. The candidate, director or chief petitioner shall appoint the successor in the manner of an original appointment. Effective January 1, 2012.
260.044	HB 2433	§6	Amend	<p>Statement of Independent Expenditures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raises threshold for independent expenditures from \$100 to \$750. Effective January 1, 2012.
260.046	HB 2433	§7	Amend	<p>Discontinuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds petition committee to the list of committees that the Secretary of State may administratively discontinue. Effective January 1, 2012.
260.056	HB 2433	§8	Amend	<p>Preserving Loan Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees must preserve a written loan agreement for at least two years after the statement of the loan is filed under ORS 260.057 or until the loan is repaid, whichever is later. Effective January 1, 2012.
260.076	SB 10	§74	Amend	<p>Contributions Received During Legislative Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes references to biennial session Effective June 28, 2011.
260.076	SB 552	§17	Amend	<p>Contributions Received During Legislative Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes “superintendent of public instruction” from definition of “statewide official.” Effective August 5, 2011.
260.112	HB 3112	§1	Amend	<p>Certificate Threshold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases maximum amount of contributions and expenditures political committee is allowed to make without filing statements of contributions and expenditures through the Secretary of State’s electronic campaign finance filings from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Effective January 1, 2012.

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
260.232	HB 2433	§9	Amend	<p>Campaign Finance Cases- Removing Certified Mail Requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows penalty notices to be delivered by first class mail (instead of certified mail) • A person has 20 days from the service date on the notice to request a hearing. • Allows testimony and other evidence to be submitted electronically by the person against whom the penalty may be assessed. • Effective January 1, 2012
260.241	HB 2433	§10	Amend	<p>Removal from General Election Ballot for Failure to File Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary may (as opposed to shall) remove a candidate's name from the general election ballot if they do not file transactions in ORESTAR (or file a certificate of limited contributions) before the 61st day before the general election • Allows warning to candidate to be sent via first class mail. • Effective January 1, 2012
260.345	HB 2256	§14	Amend	<p>Complaints Filed Electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows a complaint and any related evidence be submitted to the Secretary of State electronically. • Effective January 1, 2012
260.735	HB 2433	§11	Repeal	<p>Repealed: Statement of Organization for Slate Mailer Organizations (Effective January 1, 2012)</p>
260.737	HB 2433	§11	Repeal	<p>Repealed: Disclosures Required on Slate Mailer; Definitions (Effective January 1, 2012)</p>

ORS Chapter 261-609

Miscellaneous

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
268.351	SB 48	§1	Amend	<p>Definitions for ORS 268.347 and 268.354</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of applying the definition of major or minor boundary change to ORS 268.347 and 268.354, defines “district” as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic water supply district organized under ORS chapter 264 Park and recreation district organized under ORS chapter 266 Metropolitan service district organized under ORS chapter 268 Sanitary district organized under ORS 450.005 to 450.245 Sanitary authority, water authority or joint water and sanitary authority organized under ORS 250.600 to 450.989 District formed under ORS 451.410 to 451.610 to provide water or sanitary service. Effective January 1, 2012.
268.354	SB 48	§2	Amend	<p>District Boundary Change Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits types of special districts within metropolitan service district over which metropolitan service district exercises jurisdiction for boundary changes to those defined in ORS 268.351 (above, as amended). Effective January 1, 2012.
330.080	HB 3298	§1	Amend	<p>District Boundary Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides that governing body of county is district boundary board for purposes of boundary changes and mergers of school districts. Effective January 1, 2012.
330.118	HB 3298	§2	Amend	<p>Applicability of ORS chapter 255 to School District Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes reference to education service districts acting as a district boundary board. Effective January 1, 2012
609.040	HB 2256	§ 18	Repeal	<p>Repealed: Election to determine whether dogs may run at large</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not invalidate any dog control programs formed by one or more precincts prior to the effective date. Effective January 1, 2012.
609.060	HB 2256	§15	Amend	<p>Dogs Running At Large</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that county give notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation if an ordinance or by a measure conducted pursuant to Chapter 250 prohibit dogs running at large. Removes references to precincts Clarifies requirement that license fees and moneys the county collects from the penalty for a violation of a dogs running at large prohibition be paid into the county treasury and kept in a special fund. Effective January 1, 2012.
609.095	HB 2256	§16	Amend	<p>Dog as Public Nuisance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes references to “precincts” Does not invalidate any dog control programs formed by one or more precincts prior to the effective date. Effective January 1, 2012
609.100	HB 2256	§17	Amend	<p>Dog Licenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes reference to “precincts” Does not invalidate any dog control programs formed by one or more precincts prior to the effective date. Effective January 1, 2012

Unnumbered New Statutes

ORS	Bill No.	Section	Action	Synopsis
Unk.	HB 2880	§1 and 2	Create	<p>National Voter Registration State Compliance Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates National Voter Registration State Compliance Council to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assess general guidelines regarding compliance with NVRA. ○ Identify steps necessary to ensure compliance with NVRA ○ Identify barriers and research opportunities for ensuring accurate, secure and efficient voter registration processes at NVRA agencies ○ Identify how to better use technology • Requires that the Council produce a report which may include recommendations for legislation to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly. • Designates 10 members who will sit on the National Voter Registration State Compliance Council. • Effective on June 16, 2011 • Will be repealed January 2, 2014

2012 Legislative Referrals

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General Election November 6, 2012

Ballot Measure (# not yet assigned) [HJR 7]

Ballot Title: Not yet available

Summary: Proposes amendment of Oregon constitution to provide for government action in event of catastrophic disaster. Grants governor temporary authority to redirect general fund and lottery monies for thirty days following declaration of disaster, unless legislature extends or passes law specifying use of funds. Permits extension of time limit with approval of three-fifths of each chamber able to attend and requires bill establishing termination date. Permits legislative operation in location other than Capitol and with quorum of two-thirds of members able to attend, rather than two-thirds of total members. Permits legislator attendance via electronic means. Restricts governor to one-time invocation per catastrophic disaster. Refers proposed amendment for vote in special election on same date as next general election.

Ballot Measure (# not yet assigned) [HJR 44]

Ballot Title: Not yet available

Summary: Changes terminology in Oregon Constitution from Legislative "Department" to Legislative "Branch", Executive "Department" to Executive "Branch", and Judicial "Department" to Judicial "Branch," Removes from Oregon Constitution gender specific references to office of Secretary of State. Refers to voters at next regular general election.