

Chapter 247

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Qualification and Registration of Electors

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

247.002 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) “County clerk” means the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections.

(2) “Elector” means an individual qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, Oregon Constitution.

(3) “Registration card” means a state voter registration card approved by the Secretary of State under ORS 247.171, a federal voter registration application form prescribed by the Federal Election Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31) or an electronic record containing an individual’s legal name, age, residence and citizenship information and electronic signature submitted to the Department of Transportation in the manner described in ORS 247.017. [1979 c.190 §39; 1993 c.713 §1; 2015 c.8 §2]

Note: The amendments to 247.002 by section 3, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023, become operative June 1, 2026. See section 9, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023. The text that is operative on and after June 1, 2026, is set forth for the user’s convenience.

247.002. As used in this chapter:

(1) “County clerk” means the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections.

(2) “Elector” means an individual qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, Oregon Constitution.

(3) “Registration card” means:

(a) A state voter registration card approved by the Secretary of State under ORS 247.171;

(b) A federal voter registration application form prescribed by the Federal Election Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

(c) An electronic record containing an individual’s legal name, age, residence and citizenship information and electronic signature submitted to the Department of Transportation in the manner described in ORS 247.017; or

(d) An electronic record containing an individual’s legal name, age, residence and citizenship information submitted to the Oregon Health Authority in the manner described in ORS 247.018.

247.005 Policy. (1) Each elector has the right to vote in any election in which the elector:

(a) Is qualified to vote;

(b) Has registered to vote in a manner authorized by law; and

(c) Casts a ballot in a manner authorized by law.

(2) It is the policy of this state that all election laws and procedures shall be established and construed to assist the elector in the exercise of the right of franchise. [1969 c.337 §3; 1979 c.190 §40; 2023 c.600 §1]

247.007 [1989 c.175 §2; 1993 c.713 §2; renumbered 254.399 in 2023]

247.008 [1979 c.559 §2; 1983 c.567 §4; repealed by 1987 c.719 §17 and 1987 c.733 §13]

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247.009 Qualification to vote in political subdivision. Unless specifically provided otherwise, a person may vote in an election of a political subdivision of this state only if the person is an elector registered in the political subdivision. [1983 c.83 §2]

247.010 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.011 [1957 c.608 §28; 1959 c.277 §1; 1975 c.678 §4; repealed by 1977 c.168 §6]

247.012 Method of registering or updating a registration; when registration occurs; minimum registration information required; effect of missing registration information; registration locations.

(1) A qualified person may register to vote or update a registration to vote by:

(a) Delivering by mail, having a person deliver or otherwise delivering a completed registration card to any county clerk, the Secretary of State, any office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208;

(b) Personally delivering, or having a person deliver, the card to an official designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

(c) Submitting the person’s legal name, age, residence and citizenship information and electronic signature to the Department of Transportation; or

(d) Completing a registration card using the electronic voter registration system described in ORS 247.019.

(2) If a registration card is mailed or delivered to:

(a) Any person other than a county clerk or the Secretary of State, the person shall forward the card to a county clerk or the Secretary of State not later than the fifth day after receiving the card; or

(b) The Secretary of State or a county clerk for a county other than the county in which the person applying for registration resides, the Secretary of State or county clerk shall forward the card to the county clerk for the county in which the person resides not later than the fifth day after receiving the card.

(3) Registration of a qualified person occurs:

(a) When a legible, accurate and complete registration card is received in the office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation, a designated voter registration agency under ORS 247.208 or at

a location designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

(b) On the date a registration card is postmarked if the card is received after the 21st day immediately preceding an election but is postmarked not later than the 21st day immediately preceding the election and is addressed to an office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208; or

(c) In the case of a registration card missing a date of birth, containing an incomplete date of birth or containing an unintentional scrivener's error that is supplied or corrected as described in subsection (4) or (6) of this section, on the date that registration would have occurred if the registration card had not been missing the date of birth, contained an incomplete date of birth or contained the scrivener's error.

(4)(a) Except as provided in ORS 247.125, if a registration card is legible, accurate and contains, at a minimum, the registrant's name, residence address, date of birth and signature, the county clerk shall register the person.

(b) If the information required under paragraph (a) of this subsection is missing from the registration card or the date of birth is incomplete, the county clerk shall attempt to obtain the missing or incomplete information from all sources available to the county clerk, including but not limited to current and previous addresses and phone numbers of the registrant. The county clerk may also supply the registrant's date of birth from any previous registration of the registrant. If the missing or incomplete information cannot be obtained from sources available to the county clerk, the county clerk shall use reasonable efforts to contact the registrant by phone, mail and electronic mail to obtain the missing or incomplete information.

(5) If a registration card meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section but is missing an indication of political party affiliation, the registrant shall be considered not affiliated with any political party. This subsection does not apply if an elector is updating a registration.

(6) If a registration card contains an unintentional scrivener's error, the county clerk may attempt to contact the person to correct the error.

(7) A county clerk may appoint officials to accept registration of persons at designated locations. The appointments and locations shall be in writing and filed in the office of the county clerk. The county clerk

shall be responsible for the performance of duties by those appointed.

(8) A registration card received and accepted under this section shall be considered an active registration.

(9) A registration may be updated at any time. [1979 c.190 §41; 1985 c.808 §1a; 1989 c.20 §1; 1989 c.173 §5; 1989 c.979 §2; 1993 c.713 §6; 1995 c.742 §1; 1999 c.410 §6; 1999 c.824 §1; 2008 c.53 §1; 2009 c.511 §1; 2009 c.914 §3; 2011 c.607 §1; 2015 c.8 §3; 2017 c.680 §1]

Note: The amendments to 247.012 by section 4, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023, become operative June 1, 2026. See section 9, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023. The text that is operative on and after June 1, 2026, is set forth for the user's convenience.

247.012. (1) A qualified person may register to vote or update a registration to vote by:

(a) Delivering by mail, having a person deliver or otherwise delivering a completed registration card to any county clerk, the Secretary of State, any office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208;

(b) Personally delivering, or having a person deliver, the card to an official designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

(c) Submitting the person's legal name, age, residence and citizenship information and electronic signature to the Department of Transportation;

(d) Submitting the person's legal name, age, residence and citizenship information to the Oregon Health Authority for use in the Oregon Health Plan; or

(e) Completing a registration card using the electronic voter registration system described in ORS 247.019.

(2) If a registration card is mailed or delivered to:

(a) Any person other than a county clerk or the Secretary of State, the person shall forward the card to a county clerk or the Secretary of State not later than the fifth day after receiving the card; or

(b) The Secretary of State or a county clerk for a county other than the county in which the person applying for registration resides, the Secretary of State or county clerk shall forward the card to the county clerk for the county in which the person resides not later than the fifth day after receiving the card.

(3) Registration of a qualified person occurs:

(a) When a legible, accurate and complete registration card is received in the office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation, a designated voter registration agency under ORS 247.208 or at a location designated by a county clerk under subsection (7) of this section;

(b) On the date a registration card is postmarked if the card is received after the 21st day immediately preceding an election but is postmarked not later than the 21st day immediately preceding the election and is addressed to an office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208; or

(c) In the case of a registration card missing a date of birth, containing an incomplete date of birth or containing an unintentional scrivener's error that is supplied or corrected as described in subsection (4) or (6) of this section, on the date that registration would have occurred if the registration card had not been missing the date of birth, contained an incomplete date of birth or contained the scrivener's error.

(4)(a)(A) Except as provided in ORS 247.125, if a registration card is legible, accurate and contains, at a

minimum, the registrant's name, residence address, date of birth and signature, the county clerk shall register the person.

(B) The county clerk shall register a person pursuant to ORS 247.018, regardless of whether the person's registration card contains a signature, if the person's registration card is legible, accurate and contains, at a minimum, the registrant's name, residence address and date of birth.

(b) If the information required under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection is missing from the registration card or the date of birth is incomplete, or if the signature of a person described in paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection has not been submitted, the county clerk shall attempt to obtain the missing or incomplete information from all sources available to the county clerk, including but not limited to current and previous addresses and phone numbers of the registrant. The county clerk may also supply the registrant's date of birth from any previous registration of the registrant. If the missing or incomplete information cannot be obtained from sources available to the county clerk, the county clerk shall use reasonable efforts to contact the registrant by phone, mail and electronic mail to obtain the missing or incomplete information.

(5) If a registration card meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section but is missing an indication of political party affiliation, the registrant shall be considered not affiliated with any political party. This subsection does not apply if an elector is updating a registration.

(6) If a registration card contains an unintentional scrivener's error, the county clerk may attempt to contact the person to correct the error.

(7) A county clerk may appoint officials to accept registration of persons at designated locations. The appointments and locations shall be in writing and filed in the office of the county clerk. The county clerk shall be responsible for the performance of duties by those appointed.

(8) A registration card received and accepted under this section shall be considered an active registration.

(9) A registration may be updated at any time.

247.013 Where person considered registered; change of residence address between counties; registration updates; when registration considered active or inactive. (1) A qualified person shall be considered registered to vote in a county when the person's first registration in the county occurs as described in ORS 247.012.

(2) An elector who changes residence address from the county in which the elector is registered to a different county within the state, in order to vote in an election, must be an elector registered in the county in which the new residence address of the elector is located.

(3) If there is a change in any information required for registration under this chapter, and the elector has not changed residence address to another county, the registration of the elector may be updated as provided in this chapter.

(4) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3) of this section, if an elector changes residence address from the county in which the elector is registered to a different county

within the state, the elector need not register again if the registration of the elector is updated.

(5) If the county clerk does not have evidence of a change in any information required for registration under this chapter for an elector, the registration of the elector shall be considered active.

(6) The registration of an elector shall be considered inactive if:

(a) The county clerk has received evidence that there has been a change in the information required for registration under this chapter; and

(b) The county clerk has mailed the notice described in ORS 247.563.

(7) The inactive registration of an elector must be updated before the elector may vote in an election. [1993 c.713 §8; 1999 c.410 §7; 1999 c.824 §2; 2001 c.965 §44; 2019 c.675 §1]

247.014 Transfer of voter registration information by Department of Transportation. In implementing ORS 247.012, 247.017 and 247.171, the Department of Transportation shall take steps reasonably necessary to allow transfer of voter registration information by electronic or magnetic medium. [1991 c.940 §4]

Note: The amendments to 247.014 by section 6, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023, become operative June 1, 2026. See section 9, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023. The text that is operative on and after June 1, 2026, is set forth for the user's convenience.

247.014. In implementing ORS 247.012, 247.017, 247.018 and 247.171, the Department of Transportation and the Oregon Health Authority shall take steps reasonably necessary to allow transfer of voter registration information by electronic or magnetic medium.

247.015 Other registration procedures.

(1) A qualified person absent from the state may register by mailing to the county clerk for the county in which the person resides a completed registration card or a signed statement containing the information required on a registration card.

(2) On written request from a qualified person who by physical incapacity cannot register in the office of the county clerk, the county clerk of the county in which the person resides shall send the person a registration card or register the person at the person's residence.

(3) An otherwise qualified person who will become a United States citizen after the 21st calendar day immediately preceding an election may register before the 20th day before the election. The county clerk of the county in which the person resides shall cancel the person's registration before the election unless the person appears before the county clerk and provides evidence of citizenship. [1979 c.190 §42; 1979 c.507 §1a; 1989 c.20 §2; 1995 c.742 §18; 2001 c.965 §1; 2007 c.555 §3]

247.016 Registration of person who is 16 or 17 years of age; limitation on public record disclosure. (1) Subject to this section, an otherwise qualified person who is at least 16 years of age may register to vote.

(2) A person who registers to vote under subsection (1) of this section may not vote in an election until the person attains the age of 18 years.

(3) If a person who registers to vote under subsection (1) of this section will be under 18 years of age on the date of the next election held on a date listed in ORS 171.185 or the next special election, the person's voter registration information, including but not limited to the person's name and any identifying information, may not be disclosed as a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478. [2007 c.555 §2; 2015 c.8 §8; 2017 c.468 §1]

247.017 Transfer of voter registration materials to Secretary of State from Department of Transportation; opt-out of voter registration; rules. (1) The Secretary of State shall by rule establish a schedule by which the Department of Transportation shall provide to the secretary electronic records containing the legal name, age, residence and citizenship information for, and the electronic signature of, each person who meets qualifications identified by the secretary by rule.

(2) Upon receiving the electronic record for, and electronic signature of, a person described in subsection (1) of this section, the Secretary of State shall provide the information to the county clerk of the county in which the person may be registered as an elector. The secretary or county clerk shall notify each person of the process to:

- (a) Decline being registered as an elector.
- (b) Adopt a political party affiliation.

(3) If a person notified under subsection (2) of this section does not decline to be registered as an elector within 21 calendar days after the Secretary of State or county clerk issues the notification, the person's electronic record and electronic signature submitted under subsection (1) of this section will constitute a completed registration card for the person for purposes of this chapter. The person shall be registered to vote if the county clerk determines that the person is qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution, and the person is not already registered to vote.

(4) A county clerk may not send a ballot to, or add to an elector registration list, a person who meets eligibility requirements until at least 21 calendar days after the Secretary of State or county clerk provided notification to the person as described in subsection (2) of this section.

(5) In addition to providing electronic records to the Secretary of State under subsection (1) of this section, the Department of Transportation may by rule develop, and require the availability or use of, any form or application the department determines is necessary to ensure compliance with the voter registration provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31).

(6) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules required to implement subsections (1) to (4) of this section. [Formerly 802.090; 1995 c.742 §2; 2007 c.555 §4; 2015 c.8 §1; 2019 c.701 §23c]

247.018 Transfer of voter registration materials to Secretary of State from Oregon Health Authority; opt-out of registration; rules. (1)(a) Subject to compliance with all applicable federal laws and regulations, the Secretary of State shall by rule establish a schedule by which the Oregon Health Authority shall provide to the secretary electronic records, derived from information provided to the Oregon Health Plan, containing the legal name, age, residence and citizenship information for, and, if any, the electronic signature of, each person who is eligible to be a qualified elector under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution.

(b) The secretary shall establish by rule, after consultation with the authority, what electronic records establish whether a person is eligible to be a qualified elector for purposes of this subsection.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the authority may not provide to the secretary any electronic records for a person who is not a citizen of the United States.

(2) When establishing a schedule under subsection (1) of this section, the secretary may adopt rules governing the format and frequency of data transfer. Any rules adopted under this subsection:

(a) Are subject to input and public comment, including comment from the authority; and

(b) May come into effect only after the secretary and authority test and verify the data transfer processes.

(3) The secretary:

(a) Shall by rule develop a process to obtain an electronic signature from the Department of Transportation for each person described in subsection (1) of this section for whom the authority does not provide an electronic signature under this section; and

(b) May use an electronic signature that is obtained under paragraph (a) of this subsection or that is otherwise in the secretary's possession, for the purpose of registering electors to vote under this section.

(4) Upon receiving the electronic record for a person described in subsection (1) of this section, the secretary shall provide the information to the county clerk of the county in which the person may be registered as an elector. The secretary or county clerk shall notify each person of the process to:

- (a) Decline being registered as an elector;
- (b) Adopt a political party affiliation; and
- (c) Provide a signature if no signature was provided under subsection (1) of this section and the secretary does not have a copy of the signature and is unable to obtain an electronic copy of the signature from the Department of Transportation under subsection (3) of this section.

(5) Notwithstanding the absence of any signature, if a person notified under subsection (4) of this section does not decline to be registered as an elector within 21 calendar days after the secretary or county clerk issues the notification, the person's electronic record submitted to the county clerk under subsection (4) of this section will constitute a completed registration card for the person for purposes of this chapter. The person shall be registered to vote if the county clerk determines that the person is qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution, and the person is not already registered to vote.

(6) A county clerk may not send a ballot to, or add to an elector registration list, a person who is determined under subsection (5) of this section to be qualified to vote, and who is not already registered to vote, until at least 21 calendar days after the secretary or county clerk provided notification to the person as described in subsection (4) of this section.

(7) The transfer of personal information and data by the authority or department to the secretary under this section is limited to the information and data that is necessary to register electors. Information and data transferred to the secretary under this section may be used only for the purpose of registering electors.

(8) The secretary shall adopt rules required to implement this section, including rules to ensure that no ballot is counted for a person registered to vote under this section whose registration record does not contain an electronic signature.

(9) As used in this section, "electronic signature" means an electronic form of a handwritten signature that can be verified, in the manner described in ORS 254.470 (11), for the purpose of tallying ballots. [2023 c.492 §2]

Note: 247.018 becomes operative June 1, 2026. See section 9, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023.

247.019 Electronic voter registration; rules. (1) The Secretary of State by rule shall adopt an electronic voter registration system to be used by qualified persons who have a valid:

- (a) Oregon driver license, as defined in ORS 801.245;
- (b) Oregon driver permit, as defined in ORS 801.250;
- (c) State identification card, issued under ORS 807.400; or
- (d) Social Security number.

(2)(a) The electronic voter registration system shall:

(A) Require a person registering to vote under subsection (1)(d) of this section to enter only the final four digits of the person's valid Social Security number;

(B) Allow a person registering to vote under subsection (1)(d) of this section to electronically submit an image of the person's signature; and

(C) Allow a qualified person to complete and deliver a registration card electronically.

(b) A registration card delivered under this section is considered delivered to the Secretary of State for purposes of this chapter.

(3) A person who completes a registration card electronically under this section consents to the use of the person's driver license, driver permit or state identification card signature, or an electronically submitted image of the person's signature, for voter registration purposes.

(4) If available, the Department of Transportation shall provide to the Secretary of State a digital copy of the driver license, driver permit or state identification card signature of each person who completes a registration card under this section.

(5) The electronic voter registration system may also include an application programming interface to allow third-party organizations to securely submit registration cards electronically on behalf of individuals. In order to submit registration cards under this subsection, a third-party organization must be approved as a voter registration organization under a process designed by the Secretary of State by rule. [2009 c.914 §2; 2022 c.19 §1]

Note: Section 2, chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2022, provides:

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall implement the amendments to ORS 247.019 by section 1 of this 2022 Act no later than January 1, 2026. [2022 c.19 §2]

Note: The amendments to 247.019 by section 8, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023, become operative June 1, 2026. See section 9, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023. The text that is operative on and after June 1, 2026, is set forth for the user's convenience.

247.019. (1) The Secretary of State by rule shall adopt an electronic voter registration system to be used by qualified persons who have a valid:

(a) Oregon driver license, as defined in ORS 801.245;

(b) Oregon driver permit, as defined in ORS 801.250;

(c) State identification card, issued under ORS 807.400; or

(d) Social Security number.

(2)(a) The electronic voter registration system shall:

(A) Require a person registering to vote under subsection (1)(d) of this section to enter only the final four digits of the person's valid Social Security number;

(B) Allow a person to electronically submit an image of the person's signature; and

(C) Allow a qualified person to complete and deliver a registration card electronically.

(b) A registration card delivered under this section is considered delivered to the Secretary of State for purposes of this chapter.

(3) A person who completes a registration card electronically under this section consents to the use of the person's driver license, driver permit or state identification card signature, or an electronically submitted image of the person's signature, for voter registration purposes.

(4) If available, the Department of Transportation shall provide to the Secretary of State a digital copy of the driver license, driver permit or state identification card signature of each person who completes a registration card under this section.

(5) The electronic voter registration system may also include an application programming interface to allow third-party organizations to securely submit registration cards electronically on behalf of individuals. In order to submit registration cards under this subsection, a third-party organization must be approved as a voter registration organization under a process designed by the Secretary of State by rule.

247.020 [Amended by 1955 c.695 §1; repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.025 Registration deadline; required address. To vote in an election:

(1) A person's registration card must be received at an office or location described in ORS 247.012 not later than the time the office or location closes for business on the 21st day immediately preceding the election, but in no case later than midnight of the 21st day immediately preceding the election;

(2) A person's registration card must be postmarked not later than the 21st day immediately preceding the election and be addressed to an office of any county clerk, the Office of the Secretary of State, an office of the Department of Transportation or any designated voter registration agency as described in ORS 247.208; or

(3) A person's registration card must be delivered electronically as described in ORS 247.019 not later than 11:59 p.m. of the 21st day immediately preceding the election. [1979 c.190 §43; 1985 c.833 §1; 1987 c.719 §9; 1987 c.733 §1; 1993 c.713 §7; 1999 c.410 §8; 2008 c.53 §2; 2010 c.9 §2]

247.028 [1979 c.190 §44; 1981 c.173 §11; repealed by 1999 c.410 §67]

247.030 [Amended by 1955 c.695 §2; repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.031 [1957 c.608 §29; 1975 c.678 §5; 1977 c.168 §2; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.035 Rules to consider in determining residence of person for voting purposes. (1) An elections official, in determining the residence and qualifications of a person offering to register or vote, shall consider the following rules, so far as they may be applicable:

(a) The person's residence shall be the place in which habitation is fixed and to which, when the person is absent, the person intends to return.

(b) If a person's property is split by a jurisdictional line, the person shall be registered where the residence is located. If the residence is split by a jurisdictional line, the person shall register where the greatest value of the residence is located according to county assessment and taxation records.

(c) A person shall not be considered to have gained a residence in any location in this state into which the person comes for temporary purposes only, without the intention of making it the person's home.

(d) If a person moves to another state with the intention of making a permanent home, the person shall be considered to have lost residence in this state.

(e) If a person goes from this state into any other state or territory and votes there, the person shall be considered to have lost residence in this state.

(f) A person who has left the place of the person's residence for a temporary purpose only shall not be considered to have lost residence.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a person who has left the place of the person's residence for a temporary purpose only, who has not established another residence for voter registration purposes and who does not have a place in which habitation is fixed shall not be considered to have changed or lost residence. The person may register at the address of the place the person's residence was located before the person left.

(3) An elections official may consider, but is not limited to considering, the following factors in determining residency of a person for voter registration purposes:

(a) Where the person receives personal mail;

(b) Where the person is licensed to drive;

(c) Where the person registers motor vehicles for personal use;

(d) Where any immediate family members of the person reside;

(e) The address from which the person pays for utility services; and

(f) The address from which the person files any federal or state income tax returns. [Formerly 250.410; 1995 c.214 §1]

247.038 Registration of person who is homeless or resides in identifiable location. (1) A qualified person who is homeless or resides in a shelter, park, motor home, marina or other identifiable location may not be denied the opportunity to register to vote.

(2) For purposes of this chapter:

(a) The residence address of a person who is homeless or resides in a shelter, park, motor home, marina or other identifiable location may be any place within the county describing the physical location of the person; and

(b) The mailing address of a person who is homeless or resides in a shelter, park, motor home, marina or other identifiable location may be the office of the county clerk. [1993 c.493 §104; 2007 c.553 §1]

247.040 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.045 [1975 c.678 §7; 1977 c.163 §4; 1979 c.507 §1b; 1979 c.519 §2; renumbered 247.178]

247.050 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.060 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.070 [1957 c.608 §30; 1973 c.827 §24; 1975 c.678 §8; 1977 c.829 §3; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.080 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.090 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.100 [Repealed by 1977 c.508 §15]

247.110 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.111 [1957 c.608 §33; 1959 c.274 §1; 1971 c.621 §30; 1975 c.678 §10; 1977 c.168 §3; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.120 [Amended by 1955 c.695 §3; repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.121 [1957 c.608 §34; 1971 c.241 §1; 1973 c.841 §1; 1975 c.678 §11; 1977 c.352 §1; 1979 c.190 §46; 1979 c.519 §4a; 1985 c.833 §2; 1987 c.719 §10; 1987 c.733 §2; 1993 c.713 §9; repealed by 1995 c.742 §20]

247.125 Alteration of registration card prohibited; exceptions. (1) A person may not alter any information supplied on a registration card except:

(a) An elections officer in the performance of official duties.

(b) The person who supplies the information on the registration card for the purpose of registering to vote.

(2) A county clerk may not register a person who alters any information printed on a registration card regarding:

(a) The indication that the person is a citizen of the United States; or

(b) The signature statement in which the person attests to the person's qualifications as an elector and the information supplied

on the voter registration card. [1985 c.808 §6; 2009 c.511 §2]

247.130 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.131 [1957 c.608 §35; repealed by 1971 c.241 §10]

247.140 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.141 [1957 c.608 §37; 1979 c.190 §48; renumbered 247.174]

247.145 [1965 c.174 §3; 1969 c.337 §1; 1975 c.678 §13; 1977 c.829 §4; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.150 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.151 [1957 c.608 §31; 1961 c.65 §1; repealed by 1965 c.174 §1]

247.155 [1965 c.174 §4; repealed by 1977 c.829 §23]

247.160 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.161 [1957 c.608 §32; repealed by 1965 c.174 §1]

247.165 [1965 c.174 §§5,6,7; 1975 c.678 §15; 1977 c.352 §2; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.170 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.171 State and federal voter registration cards; Secretary of State approval of voter registration application forms of voter registration agencies; content of voter registration cards. (1) Except as provided in this subsection, the Secretary of State shall design, prepare and distribute state voter registration cards. The Secretary of State shall also distribute federal registration cards. Any person may apply in writing to the Secretary of State for permission to print, copy or otherwise prepare and distribute the registration cards designed by the Secretary of State. The secretary may revoke any permission granted under this subsection at any time. All registration cards shall be distributed to the public without charge.

(2) The Secretary of State shall approve any voter registration application form developed for use by any agency designated as a voter registration agency under ORS 247.208.

(3) Each voter registration card designed or approved by the Secretary of State shall describe the penalties for knowingly supplying false information on the registration card and shall contain space for a person to provide the following information:

(a) Full name;

(b) Residence address, mailing address or any other information necessary to locate the residence of the person offering to register to vote;

(c) The name of the political party with which the person is affiliated, if any;

(d) Date of birth;

(e) An indication that the person is a citizen of the United States; and

(f) A signature attesting to the fact that the person is qualified to be an elector.

(4) Any form containing a voter registration card may also include space for a person to provide:

(a) A telephone number where the person may be contacted; and

(b) If previously registered to vote in this state, the name then supplied by the person and the county and, if known, the address of previous registration.

(5) A person shall not supply any information under subsection (3) or (4) of this section knowing it to be false.

(6) A county clerk or other person accepting registration cards shall not request any information unless it is authorized by state or federal law.

(7) A person shall attest to the information supplied on the voter registration card by signing the completed registration card.

(8) Any completed and signed registration card described in subsection (3) of this section shall be the official registration card of the elector. [1957 c.608 §36; 1965 c.464 §2; 1971 c.241 §5; 1975 c.678 §16; 1977 c.168 §4; 1979 c.190 §47; 1985 c.808 §4; 1985 c.833 §3; 1987 c.320 §150; 1987 c.719 §11; 1987 c.733 §3; 1989 c.20 §3; 1989 c.173 §1; 1989 c.979 §5; 1993 c.713 §10; 1995 c.742 §3; 2015 c.8 §4]

Note: The amendments to 247.171 by section 7, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023, become operative June 1, 2026. See section 9, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023. The text that is operative on and after June 1, 2026, is set forth for the user's convenience.

247.171. (1) Except as provided in this subsection, the Secretary of State shall design, prepare and distribute state voter registration cards. The Secretary of State shall also distribute federal registration cards. Any person may apply in writing to the Secretary of State for permission to print, copy or otherwise prepare and distribute the registration cards designed by the Secretary of State. The secretary may revoke any permission granted under this subsection at any time. All registration cards shall be distributed to the public without charge.

(2) The Secretary of State shall approve any voter registration application form developed for use by any agency designated as a voter registration agency under ORS 247.208.

(3) Each voter registration card designed or approved by the Secretary of State shall describe the penalties for knowingly supplying false information on the registration card and shall contain space for a person to provide the following information:

(a) Full name;

(b) Residence address, mailing address or any other information necessary to locate the residence of the person offering to register to vote;

(c) The name of the political party with which the person is affiliated, if any;

(d) Date of birth;

(e) An indication that the person is a citizen of the United States; and

(f) Except as provided in ORS 247.018, a signature attesting to the fact that the person is qualified to be an elector.

(4) Any form containing a voter registration card may also include space for a person to provide:

(a) A telephone number where the person may be contacted; and

(b) If previously registered to vote in this state, the name then supplied by the person and the county and, if known, the address of previous registration.

(5) A person shall not supply any information under subsection (3) or (4) of this section knowing it to be false.

(6) A county clerk or other person accepting registration cards shall not request any information unless it is authorized by state or federal law.

(7) Except as provided in ORS 247.018, a person shall attest to the information supplied on the voter registration card by signing the completed registration card.

(8) Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, any completed and signed registration card described in subsection (3) of this section shall be the official registration card of the elector.

247.174 Determining if person qualified to register or update registration; hearing. (1) The qualifications of any person who requests to be registered or to update a registration shall be determined in the first instance by the county clerk or official designated by the county clerk to register persons as electors from the evidence presented.

(2) The county clerk or official designated by the county clerk to register persons as electors may reject any registration or update of a registration if the clerk or official determines that the person is not qualified or that the registration card is illegible, inaccurate or incomplete. The clerk or official shall promptly notify the person of the rejection.

(3) A person whose registration or update to a registration is rejected may apply to the county clerk not later than the 10th day after the rejection for a hearing on the person's qualifications to register or update the registration. Not later than the 10th day after the date the county clerk receives the application, the clerk shall notify the applicant of the place and time of the hearing on the qualifications. The hearing shall be held not sooner than the second nor later than the 20th day after notice is given. At the hearing the applicant may present evidence of qualification. If the county clerk, upon the conclusion of the hearing, determines that the applicant is qualified, the county clerk shall register or update the registration of the applicant. [Formerly 247.141; 1983 c.83 §28; 1985 c.471 §2; 1985 c.833 §4; 1987 c.719 §12; 1987 c.733 §4; 1993 c.713 §11]

247.176 Request for delivery of registration card; rules. (1) During the period extending from the 250th day before the primary election to the date of the primary election and the period extending from the day after the primary election to the 250th day before the next primary election:

(a) Any person may request delivery from the Secretary of State of not more than an aggregate total of 5,000 registration cards prepared under ORS 247.171; and

(b) Upon receiving a request under this subsection, the Secretary of State shall deliver to the person the number of registration cards requested that does not exceed an aggregate total of 5,000.

(2) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules describing when the Secretary of State will honor requests for delivery of more than 5,000 registration cards prepared under ORS 247.171. [1989 c.173 §7; 1995 c.712 §7]

247.178 Distribution of registration cards. Any person may distribute a registration card in any reasonable manner that facilitates elector registration, including but not limited to distribution of the card door to door. The card shall be available at any field office of the Department of Transportation where applications for driver licenses or vehicle registrations are accepted and at any office of an agency designated a voter registration agency under ORS 247.208. [Formerly 247.045; 1993 c.713 §12; 1993 c.741 §20]

247.180 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.181 Voter notification card. (1) The county clerk shall prepare and issue by non-forwardable mail to each elector a voter notification card of convenient size containing the name and residence address of the elector, the name or number of the precinct in which the elector resides and a brief statement of the circumstances under which the elector is required to register or update a registration.

(2) When an elector registers or updates a registration, the county clerk shall issue the elector a new voter notification card by nonforwardable mail.

(3) If an elector loses a voter notification card the elector may apply to the county clerk for a new card, and the county clerk shall issue the elector a new card by nonforwardable mail. [1957 c.608 §38; 1977 c.508 §1; 1979 c.190 §50; 1979 c.519 §6a; 1981 c.173 §12; 1993 c.713 §13; 1995 c.742 §4; 2013 c.243 §1]

247.190 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.191 Correction of registration and voter notification cards when precinct boundaries changed. When changes in the boundaries of a precinct are made, the county clerk may alter the registration card of an elector to conform with the change, and may issue by nonforwardable mail a written notice of the change and a new voter notification card to the elector. This requirement does not apply to a change of precincts for special district or special elections. [1957 c.608 §39; 1975 c.675 §8; 1979 c.190 §51; 1979 c.519 §7a; 1985 c.808 §5; 1995 c.742 §5; 2013 c.243 §2]

247.195 Inquiry into validity of registration; hearing; cancellation. (1) The county clerk, at any time, may inquire into the validity of the registration of any elector.

The county clerk shall mail a written statement to the elector that describes the nature of the inquiry and provides a suitable form for reply.

(2) Not later than the 20th day after the date of mailing of the statement, the elector, in writing, may state that the information on the registration card is correct or may request a change in the information on the card. Upon receipt of the statement or request, the county clerk shall determine whether the information satisfies the inquiry. If the county clerk determines that the inquiry has not been satisfied, the county clerk shall schedule a hearing and shall notify the elector of the place and time of the hearing. The hearing shall be held not sooner than the second nor later than the 20th day after notice is given. At the hearing, the elector may present evidence of qualification. If the county clerk, upon the conclusion of the hearing, determines that the elector's registration is not valid, the county clerk shall cancel the registration. [1981 c.173 §16; 1985 c.471 §3; 1989 c.503 §3; 1993 c.713 §14]

247.200 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.201 [1957 c.608 §45; 1971 c.241 §6; 1975 c.678 §17; 1977 c.168 §5; 1979 c.190 §53; 1983 c.514 §4; 1985 c.808 §7; repealed by 1987 c.719 §17 and 1987 c.733 §13]

247.203 Change, termination or adoption of party affiliation before primary election. An elector who updates a registration during the period extending from the 20th day before a primary election to the date of the primary election may not, during that period:

(1) Change the elector's political party affiliation if the elector's immediate past registration record shows the elector was or is registered as affiliated with a political party.

(2) Terminate affiliation with a political party if the elector's immediate past registration record shows the elector was or is registered as affiliated with a political party.

(3) Adopt a political party affiliation if the elector's immediate past registration shows that the elector was not or is not registered as affiliated with a political party. [1987 c.719 §§5,22; 1989 c.965 §§1,2; 1993 c.713 §15; 1995 c.712 §8; 1995 c.755 §1; 1999 c.999 §32]

247.205 [1993 c.713 §34; renumbered 254.408 in 1995]

247.208 Voter registration agencies; designation; prohibited activities; required services; assessment of compliance with federal guidelines. (1) The Secretary of State by rule, in accordance with the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31), shall designate agencies as voter registration agencies. Agencies designated may include state, county, city or district offices and federal and nongovernmental offices with the

agreement of the federal or nongovernmental offices.

(2) Services required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31) shall be made available in connection with any registration card at each voter registration agency designated by the Secretary of State.

(3) A person providing services referred to in subsection (2) of this section at a voter registration agency shall not:

(a) Seek to influence the political preference or party registration of a person registering to vote;

(b) In accordance with provisions of the Oregon Constitution, display such political preference or party allegiance;

(c) Make any statement to a person registering to vote or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to discourage a person from registering to vote;

(d) Make any statement to a person registering to vote or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the person to believe that a decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits; or

(e) Seek to induce any person to register or vote in any particular manner.

(4) Each state agency required to be designated a voter registration agency under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31) shall, with each application for service or assistance and with each recertification, renewal or change of address form relating to the service or assistance:

(a) Distribute a registration card, including all statements required under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31); and

(b) Provide a form including other information required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31).

(5) Information relating to a declination to register to vote in connection with an application made at an office described in subsection (4) of this section shall not be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

(6) A completed registration card accepted at a voter registration agency designated under this section shall be delivered to a county clerk or the Secretary of State.

(7) At least once each biennium, the Secretary of State shall:

(a) Assess new and developing federal guidelines regarding compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

(b) Identify steps necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31);

(c) Identify barriers to and research opportunities for ensuring the accuracy, security and efficiency of current voter registration processes at voter registration agencies designated under this section; and

(d) Identify ways to improve use of current technology. [1993 c.713 §5; 2011 c.374 §3]

247.210 [Repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.211 [1957 c.608 §27; repealed by 1971 c.241 §10]

247.220 [Repealed by 1961 c.412 §5]

247.230 [Repealed by 1961 c.412 §5]

247.240 [Repealed by 1961 c.412 §5]

247.250 [1955 c.552 §1; repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.251 [1957 c.608 §40; repealed by 1963 c.595 §1 (247.610, 247.620, 247.630 to 247.650, 250.365 and 250.375 enacted in lieu of 247.251)]

247.260 [1955 c.552 §2; repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.261 [1957 c.608 §41; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.270 [1955 c.552 §3; repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

UPDATING REGISTRATION

247.275 Limits on considering registration of elector inactive; rules. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS chapters 246 to 260, the registration of an elector may not be considered inactive due to an elector not voting or updating the elector's registration for any period of time.

(2) The registration of an elector shall be considered active if the only reason for the registration of an elector being considered inactive is that the elector neither voted nor updated the elector's registration for any period of time.

(3) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement this section. [2021 c.233 §2]

247.280 [1957 c.608 §42; 1979 c.190 §62; renumbered 247.590]

247.281 Notice to elector of inactive registration; contents. (1) The county clerk shall mail a notice to each elector:

(a) Whose registration is inactive as of the 75th day before the date of a primary election or general election;

(b) Whose registration is considered inactive due to a nonmatching signature under ORS 254.431 or a name change under ORS 254.411; and

(c) For whom the county clerk has a valid and current mailing address.

(2) The notice sent under subsection (1) of this section must:

(a) Inform the elector that the elector's registration is currently inactive;

(b) State the reason for the inactivation;

(c) Contain information on how the elector can reactivate the elector's registration; and

(d) Be sent to the elector no earlier than 70 days and no later than 60 days before the election.

(3) In addition to the notice required to be sent under subsection (1) of this section, the county clerk may mail a notice to each elector described in subsection (1)(b) of this section whose registration is inactive as of the 75th day before the date of an election other than a primary election or general election. Any notice the county clerk chooses to send under this subsection must comply with the requirements set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) The Secretary of State shall design a standard form to be used in all notifications sent by the county clerk under this section. [2021 c.233 §3]

247.282 [1971 c.30 §2; repealed by 1973 c.125 §1 and by 1973 c.827 §83]

247.284 [1971 c.30 §§4,6; repealed by 1973 c.125 §1 and by 1973 c.827 §83]

247.286 [1971 c.30 §§5,7; repealed by 1973 c.125 §1 and by 1973 c.827 §83]

247.288 [1971 c.30 §3; repealed by 1973 c.125 §1 and by 1973 c.827 §83]

247.290 Registration update requirement; procedure; exceptions. (1) An elector shall update a registration if:

(a) The residence address of the elector is changed for any reason within the county in which the elector is registered, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section;

(b) The elector desires to change or adopt a political party affiliation;

(c) The mailing address of the elector is changed, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section; or

(d) The name of the elector is changed, except as provided in ORS 254.411.

(2) A registration may be updated by an elector in the same manner as an original registration or by the county clerk as provided in this chapter.

(3) An elector need not update a registration if:

(a) The United States Postal Service or a city or county changes the residence or mailing address of the elector and the residence of the elector has not been relocated; or

(b) The registration of the elector has been updated by the county clerk under ORS 247.292 or 247.296. [1957 c.608 §43; 1961 c.115 §1; 1965 c.583 §1; 1971 c.241 §2; 1975 c.678 §18; 1979 c.190 §52; 1981 c.173 §13; 1985 c.471 §4; 1987 c.733 §5; 1989 c.20 §4; 1993 c.493 §1; 1993 c.713 §§16,16a; 1995 c.742 §6; 1999 c.318 §1; 1999 c.410 §12; 2007 c.154 §6]

247.292 Update of registration of elector changing residence; procedure. (1) A county clerk shall update the registration of an elector in the county upon receiving evidence from:

(a) The elector indicating a residence or mailing address that is different from the residence or mailing address for the elector as contained in the records of the county clerk;

(b) The United States Postal Service indicating a residence address that is different from the residence address for the elector as contained in the records of the county clerk; or

(c) The Secretary of State as provided in ORS 247.017 or 247.295.

(2) When a county clerk updates the registration of an elector under subsection (1) of this section, the clerk shall send a new voter notification card by nonforwardable mail to the elector as provided in ORS 247.181. The clerk shall include a notice stating that if the residence address or mailing address is not correct, the elector must notify the clerk.

(3) An elector is not disqualified from voting due to any error relating to an update of registration made under this section. [1993 c.713 §17a; 2007 c.881 §6; 2008 c.53 §3; 2013 c.243 §3; 2015 c.8 §5]

Note: The amendments to 247.292 by section 5, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023, become operative June 1, 2026. See section 9, chapter 492, Oregon Laws 2023. The text that is operative on and after June 1, 2026, is set forth for the user's convenience.

247.292. (1) A county clerk shall update the registration of an elector in the county upon receiving evidence from:

(a) The elector indicating a residence or mailing address that is different from the residence or mailing address for the elector as contained in the records of the county clerk;

(b) The United States Postal Service indicating a residence address that is different from the residence address for the elector as contained in the records of the county clerk; or

(c) The Secretary of State as provided in ORS 247.017, 247.018 or 247.295.

(2) When a county clerk updates the registration of an elector under subsection (1) of this section, the clerk shall send a new voter notification card by nonforwardable mail to the elector as provided in ORS 247.181. The clerk shall include a notice stating that if the residence address or mailing address is not correct, the elector must notify the clerk.

(3) An elector is not disqualified from voting due to any error relating to an update of registration made under this section.

247.294 [1993 c.713 §17c; repealed by 1999 c.410 §67]

247.295 Verification of addresses of electors; change of address service. (1) The Secretary of State shall subscribe to a change of address service that is approved or endorsed by the United States Postal Service and use the service to verify the accuracy of

the addresses of electors contained in the centralized voter registration system.

(2) If the secretary determines that the address of an elector is different from the address for the elector as contained in the records of the county clerk, the secretary shall provide the information obtained under this section to the county clerk of each affected county. Based on information received under this section, each county clerk shall update the registration of electors in the county if the clerk determines that an update is required. [2008 c.53 §8; 2010 c.9 §3]

247.296 Verification of addresses of electors; update of registration; notice; cancellation prohibited during certain periods. (1) The county clerk shall use records of the United States Postal Service relating to ballots issued by mail to verify the accuracy of addresses of electors contained in the registration file of the county clerk.

(2) Based on information obtained under subsection (1) of this section, the county clerk shall automatically update the registration of an elector under ORS 247.292 or mail a notice described in ORS 247.563.

(3) The registration of an elector shall not be canceled during the 90-day period prior to any primary or general election based on information obtained under this section. [1993 c.713 §17d; 1995 c.742 §15; 1999 c.59 §63; 1999 c.318 §2; 1999 c.999 §32a]

247.298 Extension of time for automatic updates under ORS 247.292. If there are fewer than 22 days between the date of an election and the registration deadline for the next succeeding election, the county clerk may update registrations as required under ORS 247.292 after the next succeeding election. [1993 c.713 §17e; 1999 c.410 §13]

247.300 [1957 c.608 §44; 1961 c.115 §2; repealed by 1975 c.678 §25]

247.302 Effective date of registration automatically updated by county clerk. (1) The effective date of a voter registration updated under ORS 247.292 is the date on which the county clerk receives evidence of the change of residence or mailing address.

(2) The effective date of a voter registration updated under ORS 247.296 is the date on which the county clerk changes the address information on the voter registration file. [1993 c.713 §17f; 1999 c.410 §14; 2009 c.511 §3; 2015 c.8 §6]

247.303 Deadline for updating registration. Notwithstanding ORS 247.025, an elector whose registration is active or inactive may update the registration at any time before 8 p.m. on the day of the election. [1999 c.410 §10]

247.304 [1993 c.713 §18; 1995 c.712 §9; 1995 c.742 §16; 1999 c.410 §15; repealed by 2007 c.154 §67]

247.306 [1993 c.713 §20; repealed by 1999 c.410 §67]

247.307 Issuance of ballot when registration updated after registration deadline. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, if the county clerk receives information updating the registration of an elector after the deadline in ORS 247.025:

(a) The county clerk shall issue a ballot to the elector if the elector's registration was inactive prior to updating; or

(b) The county clerk shall issue a replacement ballot upon request from the elector if the elector's registration was active prior to updating.

(2) If the county clerk receives a registration card updating an elector's residence or mailing address after the deadline in ORS 247.025, the county clerk shall reissue a ballot to the elector if the elector's registration was active prior to updating.

(3)(a) If the county clerk is required to reissue a ballot under subsection (2) of this section, the county clerk shall:

(A) Verify the registration of the elector and ensure that another ballot has not been returned by the elector;

(B) Mark the return identification envelope clearly so that it may be readily identified as a reissued ballot; and

(C) Reissue the ballot by mail or other means.

(b) A ballot reissued under this section must be received at the office of the county clerk, a place of deposit designated by the county clerk or any location described in ORS 254.472 or 254.474 not later than the end of the period determined under ORS 254.470 (1) on the date of the election. Upon receiving a voted ballot reissued under this section, the county clerk shall process the ballot.

(4) Ballots issued under this section need not be mailed to electors after the fifth day before the date of the election and may be obtained by the elector in person from the county clerk up until and including the date of the election. [1999 c.410 §11; 2007 c.154 §7; 2008 c.53 §4; 2009 c.511 §23]

247.310 [1961 c.62 §2; 1967 c.25 §1; 1971 c.241 §3; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431 and 1979 c.519 §38]

247.320 [1987 c.733 §9; 1989 c.20 §5; repealed by 1993 c.713 §43]

247.330 [1987 c.733 §10; 1989 c.20 §6; 1993 c.713 §21; 1995 c.607 §11; 1995 c.742 §7; repealed by 1999 c.410 §67]

247.340 [1987 c.733 §11; 1993 c.713 §22; repealed by 1995 c.742 §20]

**ELIGIBILITY IN
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

247.410 Eligibility to vote for President or Vice President, or electors, only. A person who is qualified to register, except that the person will have resided in this state less than 20 days before the election, may vote in the election for candidates for nomination or election for President or Vice President of the United States or elector of President and Vice President of the United States if the person:

(1) Did not vote for the nomination of such candidates in another state during the six months immediately preceding the person's request for registration to vote for the nomination of such candidates in the primary election in this state; or

(2) Did not vote for the election of such candidates in another state during the six months immediately preceding the person's request for registration to vote for the election of such candidates in the general election in this state. [1961 c.114 §2; 1973 c.150 §1; 1979 c.190 §54; 1979 c.519 §9a; 1987 c.267 §7; 1995 c.712 §10; 1999 c.999 §33]

247.420 Special ballot for voting under ORS 247.410. (1) A county clerk shall give a ballot marked "Federal only" to any person eligible under ORS 247.410 who personally appears in the office of the county clerk, completes a registration card and verifies eligibility to vote under ORS 247.410.

(2) No person shall supply any information under subsection (1) of this section, knowing it to be false. [1961 c.114 §3; 1969 c.153 §1; 1975 c.678 §19; 1979 c.190 §55; 1999 c.410 §16; 2017 c.749 §3]

247.430 [1961 c.114 §4; 1971 c.241 §7; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.435 [Formerly 253.300; 1987 c.267 §8; 1995 c.712 §11; 1999 c.410 §17; 1999 c.999 §34; repealed by 2017 c.749 §62]

247.440 [1961 c.114 §5; 1971 c.241 §8; 1975 c.678 §20; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.450 [1961 c.114 §6; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.460 [1961 c.114 §7; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.470 [1961 c.114 §8; 1975 c.678 §21; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.510 [1957 c.608 §46; renumbered 247.910]

247.520 [1957 c.608 §47; 1961 c.48 §1; renumbered 247.920]

247.550 [1963 c.346 §2; 1977 c.508 §2; 1979 c.190 §57; 1985 c.808 §8; 1991 c.107 §1; 1993 c.713 §23; 1999 c.410 §18; repealed by 2007 c.154 §67]

**REMOVAL OF NAMES
FROM REGISTER OF ELECTORS**

247.555 Cancellation of registration. (1) A county clerk may cancel the registration of an elector:

(a) At the request of the elector;

(b) Upon the death of the elector;

(c) If the county clerk receives written evidence that the elector has registered to vote in another state; or

(d) If the elector has not responded to a notice described in ORS 247.563 and has not voted or updated a registration during the period beginning on the date the notice is sent and ending on the day after the date of the second regular general election that occurs after the date the notice was sent.

(2) If the registration of an elector is canceled, the elector, in order to vote in an election, must register as provided in this chapter. [1993 c.713 §24; 2023 c.600 §32]

247.560 [1963 c.346 §3; 1965 c.583 §2; 1971 c.241 §4; 1977 c.508 §3; 1979 c.190 §58; 1979 c.519 §10a; 1981 c.173 §14; 1985 c.471 §5; repealed by 1993 c.713 §43]

247.563 Notice to elector whose registration appears invalid; contents; effect of notice; exceptions. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section and ORS 247.555, whenever it appears to the county clerk that an elector needs to update the elector's registration or that the elector has changed residence address to another county, the county clerk shall mail a notice to the elector.

(2) The notice shall be sent by forwardable mail and shall include a postage prepaid, preaddressed return card on which the elector may state the elector's current residence and mailing address. The notice shall advise the elector that:

(a) The elector should return the card promptly;

(b) If the card is not returned by the 21st calendar day immediately preceding an election, the elector may be required to complete a new registration card in order to vote in an election; and

(c) The elector's registration will be canceled if the elector neither votes nor updates the registration before two general elections have been held.

(3) When the county clerk mails a notice under this section, the registration of the elector shall be considered inactive until the elector updates the registration, the registration is canceled or the clerk determines that the registration should be considered active.

(4) This section does not apply when the county clerk receives written evidence from the elector or another county clerk indicating a change of residence or mailing address or from the United States Postal Service indicating a change of residence address and the registration of the elector is automatically updated by the county clerk under any provision of this chapter. [1993 c.713 §25; 1999 c.410 §19; 2001 c.965 §45; 2007 c.881 §7]

247.565 [Formerly 247.600; 1981 c.173 §17; 1987 c.719 §§15,16; 1989 c.503 §4; 1993 c.493 §2; repealed by 1993 c.713 §43]

247.567 [1989 c.979 §4; 1993 c.741 §21; repealed by 1993 c.713 §43]

247.570 Notice of deaths to Secretary of State and county clerk; effect of notice. (1) Not later than five business days after receiving a report of death under ORS 432.133, a county registrar designated under ORS 432.035 shall furnish to the county clerk of that county the name, age, date of birth and residence address of the person for whom the registrar has received the report of death. If the person was registered to vote in the county, the county clerk immediately shall cancel the registration of the person.

(2) Not later than five business days after receiving information from the county registrar under subsection (1) of this section, the county clerk shall furnish the information to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall furnish a copy of the appropriate names received under this subsection to each county clerk. Each county clerk immediately shall cancel the registrations of those persons.

(3) The Oregon Health Authority, during the last week of each month, shall furnish to the Secretary of State a list of the name, age, date of birth, county of residence and residence address of each resident of this state who has died during the preceding month and for whom a report of death was not submitted to a county registrar. The Secretary of State shall furnish a copy of the appropriate names to each county clerk. Each county clerk immediately shall cancel registrations of those persons. [1963 c.346 §4; 1979 c.190 §60; 2003 c.596 §1; 2009 c.595 §193; 2013 c.366 §72]

247.575 [1975 c.766 §2; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.580 County clerk to retain notices or elector listings for two years. (1) Copies of all notices and other correspondence issued under ORS 247.195, 247.292, 247.296, 247.563 and 247.570 shall be retained by the county clerk for two years.

(2) If the elector registration records of a county are mechanically maintained, the county clerk may satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) of this section by maintaining for two years:

(a) Computer listings of electors to whom the clerk issued notices or any other correspondence under ORS 247.195, 247.292, 247.296, 247.563 and 247.570 and facsimile copies of notices and correspondence; or

(b) Microfilm records of the listings and copies. [1963 c.346 §5; 1975 c.766 §3; 1979 c.190 §61; 1981 c.173 §18; 1985 c.808 §8b; 1993 c.713 §26; 1999 c.410 §20]

247.585 [1989 c.173 §4; repealed by 1993 c.713 §43]

247.590 [Formerly 247.280; 1985 c.808 §8c; repealed by 1993 c.713 §43]

247.595 [1985 c.808 §8a; repealed by 1993 c.713 §43]

247.600 [1975 c.766 §1; 1977 c.829 §5; 1979 c.190 §59; 1979 c.519 §11a; renumbered 247.565]

247.610 [1963 c.595 §2 (247.610, 247.620, 247.630 to 247.650, 250.365 and 250.375 enacted in lieu of 247.251); repealed by 1975 c.766 §29]

247.620 [1963 c.595 §3 (247.610, 247.620, 247.630 to 247.650, 250.365 and 250.375 enacted in lieu of 247.251); 1967 c.64 §1; repealed by 1975 c.766 §29]

247.625 [1967 c.64 §§3,4,5,6; repealed by 1975 c.766 §29]

247.630 [1963 c.595 §4 (247.610, 247.620, 247.630 to 247.650, 250.365 and 250.375 enacted in lieu of 247.251); repealed by 1967 c.64 §7]

247.640 [1963 c.595 §7 (247.610, 247.620, 247.630 to 247.650, 250.365 and 250.375 enacted in lieu of 247.251); repealed by 1967 c.64 §7]

247.650 [1963 c.595 §8 (247.610, 247.620, 247.630 to 247.650, 250.365 and 250.375 enacted in lieu of 247.251); repealed by 1975 c.766 §29]

247.905 [1969 c.421 §2; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.910 [Formerly 247.510; 1971 c.241 §9; 1975 c.678 §22; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.915 [1969 c.421 §§3,4,6; 1971 c.32 §1; 1975 c.779 §3; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.920 [Formerly 247.520; repealed by 1969 c.421 §11]

247.925 [1969 c.421 §5; 1971 c.32 §2; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

247.935 [1969 c.421 §7; repealed by 1979 c.190 §431]

LISTS OF ELECTORS

247.940 Statewide list of electors; delivery without charge to political parties; requirements for requesting list. (1) A major political party qualified under ORS 248.006 or a minor political party qualified under ORS 248.008 may request from the Secretary of State a statewide list of electors, as described in ORS 247.945 (4). The list may not contain any information about participants in the Address Confidentiality Program established under ORS 192.820 to 192.868 or any information that may not be publicly disclosed under ORS 247.948. A major political party or a minor political party may make no more than two separate requests under this subsection per primary election, general election or special election.

(2)(a) A request for a list under subsection (1) of this section must be made:

(A) Not earlier than three months before the primary election, general election or special election; and

(B) Not later than the 15th day before the primary election, general election or special election.

(b) A request for a list under subsection (1) of this section may not be made during the period beginning on the date of the primary election, general election or special election and ending 14 days after the date of the election.

(3) If the Secretary of State receives a request under subsection (1) of this section, the secretary shall deliver the list not later than 10 days after receiving the request.

(4) The Secretary of State may not charge for preparation or delivery of the list supplied under this section. [1979 c.190 §63; 1979 c.519 §13a; 1989 c.637 §1; 1991 c.107 §2; 1993 c.797 §21; 1995 c.712 §12; 1995 c.742 §8; 1999 c.999 §35; 2007 c.542 §16; 2019 c.675 §5; 2023 c.600 §9]

247.945 List of county or statewide electors; delivery to any person; charges.

(1) The county clerk, upon request before the 45th day before a primary, general or special election, shall deliver to any person a list of electors. The list may not contain any information about participants in the Address Confidentiality Program established under ORS 192.820 to 192.868 or any information that may not be publicly disclosed under ORS 247.948. The lists shall be prepared in the manner requested, limited only to the capabilities of the Secretary of State or the county clerk.

(2) The county clerk shall collect and pay into the county treasury a charge for the actual cost of supplying lists under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The county clerk shall keep a record of all persons to whom a list of electors is delivered under this section.

(4) Upon request, the Secretary of State shall deliver to any person a statewide list of electors. Except as provided in ORS 247.940 (4), the secretary shall charge a fee of \$500 for delivering a list under this subsection. The list may not contain any information about participants in the Address Confidentiality Program established under ORS 192.820 to 192.868 or any information that may not be publicly disclosed under ORS 247.948. [1969 c.421 §§8,9; 1979 c.190 §64; 1989 c.637 §2; 1995 c.712 §13; 1999 c.999 §36; 2007 c.542 §17; 2007 c.570 §7a; 2019 c.675 §6]

247.948 Information required for or prohibited from inclusion in lists of electors.

(1)(a) Except as set forth in ORS 247.965 or 247.967, or as otherwise prohibited by law, the following information about an elector contained within an elector’s registration file is subject to inspection as a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478 and shall be included in lists delivered under ORS 247.940 and 247.945:

(A) The major political party or minor political party, if any, with which an elector is affiliated;

(B) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the residence address of an elector;

(C) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the address where an elector receives a ballot;

(D) The year in which an elector was born;

(E) The name or number of the precinct in which the elector resides;

(F) The precinct split of an elector;

(G) The administrative number for an elector that is used by the Secretary of State to determine which elections an elector may vote in;

(H) The telephone number of an elector;

(I) Whether or not an elector voted in previous elections; and

(J) During an election period, the ballot status of an elector. In order to comply with this subparagraph, during the election period, the secretary shall maintain a list of the ballot status of electors. The secretary shall update the list, and make available an updated version of the list, on each business day of the election period.

(b) As used in this subsection:

(A) “Ballot status” means whether or not an elector has cast a ballot in the election;

(B) “Election period” means the period of time beginning on the date that ballots for an election are first mailed to electors and ending on the date of the election; and

(C) “Precinct split” means the enhanced precinct name or number used to determine the specific ballot configuration that will be received by an elector who resides in a precinct that:

(i) Has more than one election district subdivision; and

(ii) Requires more than one ballot configuration for electors in the precinct.

(2) Except as set forth in ORS 247.973 or as otherwise required by law, the following information about an elector contained within an elector’s registration file is not subject to inspection as a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478 and may not be disclosed by the Secretary of State or a county clerk:

(a) Information that is required to be kept confidential under ORS 247.965 or as part of the Address Confidentiality Program under ORS 192.820 to 192.868;

(b) The birth month of an elector;

(c) The day of the month on which an elector was born;

(d) The Social Security number of an elector;

(e) The driver license number of an elector; and

(f) The signature of an elector.

(3) The residence address of an elector may not be included in lists delivered under ORS 247.940 and 247.945 if the elector:

(a) Is either a candidate for elected office or a holder of elected office; and

(b) Has chosen to limit the public accessibility of the elector's residence address in the manner described in ORS 249.021.

(4) Nothing in this section is intended to limit or restrict the disclosure of information that is otherwise subject to inspection as a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478. [2018 c.70 §21; 2023 c.528 §6; 2023 c.600 §8]

247.955 Use of lists of electors for commercial purposes prohibited; exceptions. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, no person to whom a list of electors is made available or supplied under ORS 247.940 or 247.945 shall use any information in the list for commercial purposes.

(2) A person shall not be considered to use for commercial purposes any information contained in a list of electors made available or supplied under ORS 247.940 or 247.945 if the person obtains the list of electors for the purposes of resale to candidates or political committees for political purposes only. [1969 c.421 §10; 1979 c.190 §65; 1989 c.637 §3]

DISCLOSURE OF RESIDENCE ADDRESSES AND SIGNATURES

247.965 Exemption from disclosure as public record of residence address of elector or family member of elector; request for exemption. (1) Any elector may request the county clerk to keep the residence address of the elector and any family member residing with the elector exempt from disclosure as a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

(2) The county clerk shall keep the residence address of an elector and any family member residing with the elector exempt from disclosure as a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478 if:

(a) The elector making the request demonstrates to the satisfaction of the county clerk that the elector's personal safety or the safety of any family member residing with the elector is in danger if the elector's address remains available for public inspection; or

(b) The elector has been identified as an election worker by the Secretary of State, county clerk or other public body as defined in ORS 174.109 in a manner prescribed by the secretary by rule.

(3) The county clerk shall automatically mail a ballot to an elector whose residence

address is exempt from disclosure under this section.

(4) An exemption from disclosure granted under this section shall remain in effect until the elector requests termination of the exemption or the elector is required to update the elector's registration. If the elector is required to update the elector's registration, the elector may apply for another exemption from disclosure.

(5) An exemption from disclosure granted under this section includes an exemption from disclosure of the residence address of an elector under ORS 247.940 or 247.945.

(6) A county clerk or the Secretary of State shall not be held liable for:

(a) Granting or denying an exemption from disclosure under this section; or

(b) Any unauthorized release of a residence address granted an exemption from disclosure under this section.

(7) As used in this section, "election worker" means an individual employed full-time, part-time or as a volunteer:

(a) Who is serving the State of Oregon or any other public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, as an elected official, appointed official, employee or agent; and

(b) Whose official duties include carrying out any duty, function or power set forth in ORS chapters 246 to 260. [1993 c.616 §2; 1995 c.742 §9; 1999 c.410 §21; 2019 c.675 §7; 2022 c.114 §1; 2023 c.600 §11]

247.967 Disclosure of residence address of elector or family member of elector; procedure; exception. Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 192.311 to 192.478:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the county clerk may disclose the residence address of an elector and any family member residing with the elector exempt from public disclosure under ORS 247.965 if the county clerk receives a court order or a request from any law enforcement agency to disclose the address.

(2) A petition may be filed with the circuit court of the county in which the administrative offices of the county clerk are located requesting disclosure of the residence address of any elector exempt from disclosure under ORS 247.965. The petitioner shall have the burden of showing the disclosure would not constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy.

(3) The county clerk may not disclose the actual address, as defined in ORS 192.820, of an Address Confidentiality Program participant under ORS 192.820 to 192.868. [1993 c.616 §3; 2007 c.542 §13; 2023 c.600 §12]

247.969 Definition of “personal safety” for purposes of ORS 247.965; rules. (1) The Secretary of State by rule shall define when the “personal safety” of an elector and the safety of any family member residing with the elector is in danger under ORS 247.965. Under the definitions, the elector’s personal safety or the safety of any family member residing with the elector shall be considered in danger if the elector provides evidence that the elector or any family member residing with the elector has:

- (a) Been a victim of domestic violence;
- (b) Obtained orders issued under ORS 133.055;
- (c) Contacted a law enforcement officer involving domestic violence or other physical abuse;
- (d) Obtained a temporary restraining or other no contact order to protect the person from future physical harm; or
- (e) Filed other criminal or civil legal proceedings regarding physical protection.

(2) A rule adopted by the Secretary of State under subsection (1) of this section may list other examples of evidence that the elector’s personal safety or the safety of any family member residing with the elector is in danger. The other examples shall be similar in nature to the evidence described in subsection (1) of this section. [1993 c.616 §7]

247.971 [1993 c.787 §7; repealed by 1995 c.607 §91]

247.973 Status of signature on voter registration card as public record; copies of signature prohibited; voter registration documents or information exempt from disclosure. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, an individual’s signature submitted under this chapter for purposes of registering to vote is subject to inspection as a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478. The signature may be inspected in the Office of the Secretary of State or the office of the county clerk.

(2) A person may not make a copy of or provide to another person a copy of an individual’s signature submitted under this chapter for purposes of registering to vote.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to copies made by any elections official acting in an official capacity for purposes of administering the provisions of ORS chapters 246 to 260 or any rules adopted thereunder.

(4) Identifying information or documents submitted by an individual for purposes of registering to vote as required under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) are exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

(5) Identifying information relating to a disability of an elector that is entered into official voter registration records by an elections official is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.311 to 192.478. [1999 c.824 §4; 2003 c.803 §15; 2007 c.156 §1; 2018 c.70 §22]

247.990 [Amended by 1955 c.695 §4; repealed by 1957 c.608 §231]

247.991 [1957 c.608 §48; 1961 c.114 §9; 1975 c.678 §23; 1979 c.190 §66; 1985 c.808 §9; 1985 c.833 §5; 1987 c.719 §13; 1987 c.733 §6; 1995 c.742 §10; repealed by 1999 c.318 §55]

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