

CHAPTER 136

AN ACT

SB 585

Relating to precinct committeeperson eligibility;
amending ORS 248.017 and 249.046.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 248.017 is amended to read:
248.017. Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 248.015[.]:

(1) An otherwise qualified person who will attain the age of 18 years after the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy for the office of precinct committeeperson and on or before the date of the primary election, and who is registered as a member of the major political party not later than 180 days before the date of the primary election, is eligible to file a declaration of candidacy for the office of precinct committeeperson, to be listed on the ballot and to be elected to the office, including by write-in votes[.]; **and**

(2) **An otherwise qualified person who becomes a United States citizen during the period beginning 251 days before the date of the primary election and ending on the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy for the office of precinct committeeperson, and who is registered as a member of the major political party on or before the deadline for filing a declaration**

of candidacy for the office of precinct committeeperson, is eligible to file a declaration of candidacy for the office of precinct committeeperson, to be listed on the ballot and to be elected to the office, including by write-in votes.

SECTION 2. ORS 249.046 is amended to read:

249.046. (1) If a candidate has not been a member of the major political party for at least 180 days before the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy, the candidate shall not be entitled to receive the nomination of that major political party. If a candidate's registration becomes inactive, the inactive status shall not constitute a lapse of membership in the party if, immediately before the registration became inactive, the candidate was a member of the party and was not a member of any other political party within the 180 days preceding the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy.

(2) The requirement that the candidate be qualified by length of membership does not apply to:

(a) Any candidate whose 18th birthday falls within the period of 180 days; *[or to]*

(b) A write-in candidate; **or**

(c) **Any candidate for the office of precinct committeeperson who becomes a United States citizen within the period of 180 days.**

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