

CHAPTER 8

AN ACT

HB 4019

Relating to presidential electors; amending ORS 248.370; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 248.370 is amended to read:

248.370. (1) The electors of President and Vice President shall convene at the State Capitol on the [Monday] **first Tuesday** after the second Wednesday in December following their election **at a time to be established by the Secretary of State by rule.**

(2) **Not later than six days prior to the convening of electors under subsection (1) of this section, the Governor and the Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of ascertainment of appointment of electors as required by 3 U.S.C. 5. The certificate of ascertainment shall contain a security feature or features for the purpose of verifying the authenticity of the certificate. The Secretary of State shall determine by rule the form of the security feature or features under this subsection.**

(3) If there is any vacancy in the office of an elector caused by death, refusal to act, neglect to attend or otherwise, the electors present [*immediately*] shall fill [*it*] **the vacancy** by plurality of voice votes **at the time and place of the conven-**

ing of electors under subsection (1) of this section. The Governor and the Secretary of State shall issue an amended certificate of ascertainment containing the name of any elector who fills a vacancy under this subsection.

(4) **Prior to the voice vote to fill a vacancy under subsection (3) of this section, a candidate for filling the vacancy shall sign the pledge required under ORS 248.355.**

(5) When all the electors have appeared [*or the*] **and any vacancies have been filled, the electors shall take and subscribe to an oath of office administered by the Secretary of State. Following the taking of the oath of office under this subsection, the electors shall perform the duties required of them by the Constitution and laws of the United States.**

(6) **The Secretary of State shall preside over the convening of electors under this section and shall perform any duty as an administrator on behalf of the electors in accordance with the requirements placed on electors under federal law and the laws of this state.**

SECTION 2. This 2024 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2024 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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