

Senate Bill 1010

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires county clerk of each county to develop ballot tracking program that uses electronic mail and telephone text messages to inform participating elector when ballot is mailed to elector, when elector's completed ballot is received by county clerk and whether completed ballot has non-matching signature or other defect that requires further action by elector in order for elector's vote to be counted.

Requires county clerk to regularly inform each elector in county of existence of program and method for signing up to participate in program.

Prohibits county clerk from charging fee to elector to participate in program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Secretary of State for purpose of carrying out program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the tracking of ballots; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 254.

SECTION 2. (1) The county clerk of each county shall:

(a) Develop a ballot tracking program that uses electronic mail and telephone text messages to inform each elector of that county who signs up to participate in the program:

(A) When the elector's ballot has been mailed to the elector;

(B) When the elector's completed ballot has been received by the county clerk; and

(C) Whether the elector's completed ballot that has been received by the county clerk has a nonmatching signature or other defect that requires further action by the elector in order for the elector's vote to be counted.

(b) Regularly inform each elector in the county of:

(A) The existence of the program developed under paragraph (a) of this subsection; and

(B) How the elector can sign up to participate in the program developed under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(2) A county clerk may not charge an elector a fee to participate in a program developed under subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2017 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2018.

SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Secretary of State, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$____, to be allocated to county clerks for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2017 Act.

SECTION 5. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

