

Senate Bill 1515

Sponsored by Senator STARR; Senator BEYER (Presession filed.)

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**.

Establishes work group to examine feasibility of Internet voting. Requires work group to report findings to Legislative Assembly before December 1, 2014.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to elections; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Secretary of State shall convene a work group to examine the fea-**
5 **sibility of Oregon adopting statewide Internet voting.**

6 **(2) The work group shall investigate:**

7 **(a) How Internet voting could increase elector participation in elections, with an em-**
8 **phasis on Oregonians serving in or with the Armed Forces of the United States;**

9 **(b) The estimated costs and savings associated with an Internet voting system;**

10 **(c) Best practices that may be derived from the experience of Internet voting by other**
11 **states, countries and businesses;**

12 **(d) Best practices that may be derived from the adoption of innovative approaches and**
13 **protections currently used by private industry for Internet banking, shopping, education and**
14 **work;**

15 **(e) How Internet voting may be used to increase the confidence of electors in the integ-**
16 **riety and transparency of the electoral system, including through the creation of hard copies**
17 **of backup records, the comprehensive monitoring of critical computer systems and the**
18 **availability of regular third-party audits and result verification;**

19 **(f) How Internet voting may be integrated with Oregon's existing online voters' pamphlet**
20 **to make the electoral system more user-friendly;**

21 **(g) How Internet voting should be structured to fully comply with federal election laws;**
22 **and**

23 **(h) Any additional issues the work group deems necessary to evaluate the feasibility of**
24 **Internet voting.**

25 **(3) The work group shall prepare a final report detailing its findings. This final report**
26 **shall be provided to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter**
27 **authority over elections before December 1, 2014.**

28 **(4) The final report must identify any strategies that require rule adoption by the Sec-**
29 **retary of State and any strategies that require additional legislation.**

30 **(5) The work group may accept technical assistance from any source in preparing its**
31 **recommendations.**

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.

1 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2014 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2015
2 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

3 **SECTION 3.** This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect
5 on its passage.
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