



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 165
SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTIONS DIVISION

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ARCHIVES DIVISION
SECRETARY OF STATE

FILING CAPTION: Amends administrative rule related to electronic voter registration.

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 11/24/2025 5:00 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 11/17/2025

TIME: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

OFFICER: Coline Benson

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Passcode: q36Bt98A

NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

This rule implements legislative mandates found in HB 4133 (2022) and requires the electronic voter registration system to allow a qualified person to complete and deliver a registration card electronically by providing the last four digits of their Social Security number and an image of their signature.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

ORS 247.017, HB 4133 (2022) available online at oregonlegislature.gov or from the Elections Division.

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

This rule promotes racial equity. The terms of the rule promote racial equity by expanding access to electronic voter registration to qualified individuals who do not possess a valid credential issued by the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Proposed rule may cause minimal fiscal or economic impact to the Secretary of State, Elections Division and County Elections Officials.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) There may be a minimal fiscal impact for the state Elections Division to implement and answer questions regarding compliance with this rule, or for other unanticipated reasons. There may be a minimal fiscal impact for county election offices to answer questions or follow up with registrants who submitted insufficient signatures.

(2) This rule has no effect on small businesses.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

This rule does not directly affect small businesses.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

A Rules Advisory Committee was not required to be convened.

AMEND: 165-005-0160

RULE SUMMARY: This rule implements House Bill 4133 (2022) by allowing qualified individuals to use the electronic voter registration system to complete and deliver a voter registration electronically using the last four digits of their Social Security number and providing an electronic image of their signature.

CHANGES TO RULE:

165-005-0160

Electronic Voter Registration System ¶¶

(1) This rule adopts the electronic voter registration system a qualified individual can use to complete and submit a registration card electronically.¶¶

(2) Access to the electronic voter registration system is provided online at www.oregonvotes.gov and during ~~eligible~~covered transactions with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV).¶¶

(3) For purposes of this rule, a "qualified individual" is defined as:¶¶

~~(a) a US Citizen that is a resident of Oregon and at least 16 years old; and,¶¶~~

~~(b) who has a valid Oregon driver license, driver permit or state identification card; and,¶¶~~

~~(c), including an electronic signature image on file with DMV; or,¶¶~~

(b) Who has a valid Social Security number.¶¶

(4) For purposes of this rule an ~~"eligible"~~"covered" transaction is defined as an application for or renewal of an Oregon driver license, driver permit, state identification card or a change of address.¶¶

(5) The electronic voter registration system can be used by electors to:¶¶

(a) Register for the first time in the state; and¶¶

(b) Update address, contact information or party information on an existing registration.¶¶

~~(6) The electronic voter registration system available online at www.oregonvotes.gov should not be used for name changes. Following a name change, a paper registration card as provided in ORS 247.012 may be required to obtain a new signature image.~~If a registrant does not have a valid Oregon driver license, driver permit or state identification card, they must provide the final four digits of their Social Security number and an image of their

signature to electronically submit a registration through www.oregonvotes.gov.¶

(7) The electronic voter registration system shall create an electronic time and date record at the time the registration ~~card~~ is completed which shall be deemed the time submitted for voter registration purposes if the registration is accepted by the county elections official. All times and dates referenced are in Pacific Time.¶

(8) Alf the registrant has a valid Oregon driver license, driver permit or state identification card an image of the registrant's electronic signature captured by DMV will be delivered to the county elections official with the registrant's electronically submitted registration ~~card~~.¶

(9) The county elections official will review the submission and either accept the registration, reject the application, or contact the registrant for additional information.¶

(10) If the signature obtained ~~from the DMV~~ is insufficient, the county elections official shall contact the registrant to obtain a sufficient signature. An elector is not eligible to vote a ballot until complete registration information, including a sufficient signature or signature stamp attestation is accepted by the county elections official.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 246.150, ORS 247.019

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 247.019, HB 4133 (2022)