# **A-Engrossed** Senate Bill 1577

Ordered by the Senate February 19 Including Senate Amendments dated February 19

Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR, Representatives NELSON, NOSSE, ANDERSEN, NGUYEN H, RUIZ; Senators GOLDEN, JAMA, PATTERSON, Representatives BYNUM, CHAICHI, GAMBA, HELM, HUDSON, PHAM H, PHAM K, REYNOLDS (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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

## Digest: The Act tells LPRO to study more options for AVR and to tell the Legislature

what they found out before the 2027 session. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.1). [Digest: The Act allows people to register to vote when they apply for college. The Act tells the DOR to provide the SOS with records related to voter registration. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.6).] [Extends automatic voter registration to applicants for admission to public institutions of higher education. Requires the Department of Revenue to provide the Secretary of State with records containing information related to voter registration.]

Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Director to study additional automatic voter registration programs and report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to rules on or before October 1, 2026.

Takes effect on the 91st day following sine die.

#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to voter registration; and prescribing an effective date. 2

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall study the viability, 4 benefits and challenges of: 5

(a) Public institutions of higher education, as that term is defined in ORS 350.260, sup-6

plying the Secretary of State with electronic records, provided by applicants seeking admis-7

sion to the institutions, for purposes of aiding the secretary in determining eligibility of 8

these individuals as qualified electors under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution, 9

and in registering as electors those applicants who are eligible; 10

(b) The Department of Transportation supplying missing registration information for 11 applicants described in paragraph (a) of this subsection to aid the secretary in determining 12 eligibility of these individuals as qualified electors and in registering as electors those who 13 are eligible; and 14

(c) The secretary's use of the information supplied under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this 15 subsection to facilitate greater voter registration and participation in elections in this state. 16

(2) The director shall confer with representatives from all of the entities described in 17subsection (1) of this section in performing the study described in subsection (1) of this sec-18 tion. 19

(3) The director shall report on the study and on the director's findings to the interim 2021committees of the Legislative Assembly related to rules on or before October 1, 2026.

22(4) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the

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- 1 director in performing duties assigned to the director under this section and, to the extent
- 2 permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the
- 3 director considers necessary to perform the duties described in this section.
- 4 <u>SECTION 2.</u> This 2024 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2024 5 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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