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## **Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2019 Session of Oregon Legislature:**

### **SB 224 -2 : Oppose**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party opposes the -2 amendment.

SB 224 as introduced would have accomplished:

1. Removes requirement that county clerk move elector to inactive status if elector has neither voted nor updated registration for five or more years.
2. Permits military and overseas voters to request ballot by using electronic mail or facsimile machine.
3. Includes within definition of "political committee" combination of two or more persons that received contribution or made expenditure for purpose of supporting or opposing initiative, referendum or recall petition.
4. Removes gender requirement for selecting precinct committee persons.
5. Requires Secretary of State to reimburse county clerk for expenses to hold statewide special election on date other than date of primary or general election.
6. Includes community college districts and 9-1-1 communications districts under definition of "district" for purpose of special district elections.
7. Removes prohibition on electioneering in or near elections office.
8. Clarifies date used to calculate proportionate votes of county commissioners in event of legislative vacancy.

9. Requires financial estimate and explanatory statement committees to wait at least four days after statement is filed before holding hearing.
10. Amends geographic distribution requirements for signatures on nominating petitions.
11. Requires that recall petitions conform to ordinary requirements for petitions.
12. Establishes parameters under which major and minor political parties are entitled to statewide list of electors.
13. Amends requirements for status as major and minor political party.
14. Permits major political party to adopt rule permitting nomination of candidate who has not been member of party for at least 180 days.
15. Permits minor political party to nominate replacements for vacancy in certain offices.

It was the result of many days of consultation by Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, his staff, and interested parties. All of its provisions were supported by the Secretary of State, and nearly all were supported by the Oregon League of Women Voters and the Oregon Progressive Party.

The -2 amendment removes over half of these provisions. It retains items 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 12. It also adds a provision about write-in and other candidates for major party precinctperson elections. It deletes items 3, 5, 7, 9, 13, 14, and 15. These were well-considered provisions that should be adopted.

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