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# Online Voter Registration

## *Support House Bill 2386*

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Is Online Voter Registration Secure?**

Yes. To use the service, registrants must have a valid Oregon driver license or state identification card—for which they must prove legal residence in Oregon. Registrants must attest to their citizenship and the truth and accuracy of their provided information, under penalty of law, just as is now required on paper voter registration cards.

#### **Could Somebody Register Online Multiple Times and Receive Multiple Ballots?**

No. Online voter registration is identical to current voter registration procedures in that every subsequent registration from an individual simply updates that individual's information. In addition, the system does a 5 point check to assure no duplication between registrations.

#### **Will Registrants' Information Be Safe?**

Yes. Oregon's system will be modeled on that of Washington, which uses SecureSocketLayer (SSL) Encryption, which complies with industry standard security measures used by banks and other companies that collect sensitive information via the internet.

#### **Can the Online Registration System Be Attacked?**

No. Oregon will copy Washington's procedure of making every registrant input a randomly generated number to prevent any hacking program from attempting to overwhelm the site.

#### **Online Voter Registration is Simple and Hassle-Free**

- ☑ Online voter registrants submit the same information that they would on a paper registration form.
- ☑ Online voter registrants use their driver license or identification card signature to match their ballot to their registration.
- ☑ Implementation of online voter registration will qualify for federal funding and have no state budget impact.

#### **Online Voter Registration is Popular in Other States**

- ☑ In 2003, the first year of Arizona's Online Voter Registration program, 25% of all new voter registrations were done online. That percentage then jumped to 72% in 2007.<sup>2</sup>
- ☑ After Washington implemented online voter registration, 1,634 online applications were recorded in the first three days.<sup>4</sup>

#### **Online Voter Registration is Smart for Oregon**

- ☑ Online voter registration would mean more legible registrations and more accurate records.
- ☑ Online voter registration particularly improves voter participation among youth and increases access for many people with disabilities and individuals confined to their homes.

1 Oh My Gov! [http://ohmygov.com/blogs/general\\_news/archive/2008/07/22/arizona-and-washington-leave-other-states-in-dust-on-online-voter-registration.aspx](http://ohmygov.com/blogs/general_news/archive/2008/07/22/arizona-and-washington-leave-other-states-in-dust-on-online-voter-registration.aspx)

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3 Seattlepi.org. [http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/347217\\_voterregistration14.html](http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/347217_voterregistration14.html)