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JUDGES

252.010 Exclusive procedure for nomination and election of judges. Candidates for the offices of judge of the Supreme, circuit and district courts shall be nominated and voted for at primary and general elections as provided in ORS 252.010 to 252.080, and not otherwise.

252.020 Nomination by petition or by declaration. Names of all candidates for the offices of judge of the Supreme, circuit and district courts shall be presented for nomination by individual nominating petitions or by declaration of candidacy and payment of the fees as provided by law, subject, however, to the restrictions and provisions of ORS 252.010 to 252.080.

252.030 Contents of nominating petitions and declarations of candidacy. Petitions filed by or on behalf of or declarations of candidacy made by candidates for nomination to the offices of judge of the Supreme, circuit or district courts at the primary election or any declaration of candidacy for any of these offices, shall contain no reference to any party ballot or to the party affiliation of any candidate. Nothing shall be attached to or contained in a petition or declaration of candidacy other than the name of the county in which the candidate resides, a statement, not exceeding 10 words, of his qualifications and experience, and a declaration by the candidate that, if nominated and elected, he will qualify for the office.

252.040 Cases in which candidate is considered nominee without his name appearing on primary ballot. When a petition is filed by or on behalf of or a declaration of candidacy is made by only one person as a candidate for nomination to the office of one of the courts enumerated in ORS 252.010, and when there is but one vacancy to be filled, the name of such person shall not be placed upon the primary ballot but he shall be the nominee for the office. When there are two or more vacancies to be filled for judge of the circuit court in a judicial district having more than one circuit judge, and not divided into departments or positions, and a petition is filed by or on behalf of or declaration of candidacy made by only one person as a candidate for nomination for a single vacancy or position on the court, the name of such person shall not be placed upon the primary ballot but he shall be declared the nominee

for the respective vacancy or position. In judicial districts having two or more circuit judges who are elected at the same election from two or more counties, when a petition is filed by or on behalf of or a declaration of candidacy made by only one candidate for nomination from any one county and when the number of candidates from all counties does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the names of such persons shall not be placed on the primary ballot, but they shall be declared to be the nominees for the offices.

252.050 Judiciary ballot for primary elections. (1) At all primary elections at which candidates for judge of any of the courts enumerated in ORS 252.010 are to be nominated, where two or more petitions or two or more declarations of candidacy for nomination for candidate for judge of any of the courts have been filed, there shall be prepared and furnished by the county clerks separate ballots. On these ballots shall be placed the names of the candidates for the office and, after each name, the name of the county in which each candidate resides, and a statement, not exceeding 10 words, of his qualifications and experience, if any such statement was included in his petition or declaration. The ballot shall be entitled "Judiciary Ballot" and shall contain no other designation. The names of candidates shall be placed on it without any party designation, and the ballot shall be, with the addition of the name of the county in which each candidate resides and the statement above referred to, if any, after the name of the candidate, substantially as follows:

JUDICIARY BALLOT

Place an X in the square in front of the name of each candidate voted for.

For Judge of the Supreme Court

Every voter in the state may vote for one of the following candidates for each of the following positions:

Position No. 1 John Doe

Richard Roe

James Smith

Position No. 2 John Doe

Richard Roe

James Smith

(and so on for each position to be filled)

For Judge of the Circuit Court

(In districts where judges are elected by departments)

Every voter has the right to vote for

one of the following candidates for each department.

Department No 1 John Doe
Richard Roe
James Smith

Department No 2 John Doe
Richard Roe
James Smith

(and so on for each department to be filled)

For Judge of the District Court

Every voter has the right to vote for one of the following candidates for each of the following departments

Department No 1 John Doe
Richard Roe
James Smith

Department No 2 John Doe
Richard Roe
James Smith

(and so on for each department to be filled)

(2) In the instance of circuit judges provided for by law to sit in departments designated by both name and number, the ballot shall bear the name of the department immediately following the department number, substantially as follows.

Department, No	(Department of Probate)
John Doe,	
Richard Roe,	
James Smith,	
Department, No	(Department of Domestic Relations)
John Doe,	
Richard Roe,	
James Smith,	

(3) In districts where circuit judges are elected at large and not for departments or positions, each voter shall have the right to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled

(4) A ballot shall be delivered to each elector by a proper election officer. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes as nominees for judge of any of the courts shall be declared the nominees, whose names shall appear on the ballot, at the general election. However, when two or more vacancies in the membership of any of the courts are to be filled and where the officers are divided into positions or departments, the number of nominees shall not exceed

two for any one judgeship, position or vacancy and shall be

(a) First, those candidates nominated under the provisions of ORS 252 040; and

(b) Second, those two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes at the primary election.

(5) When any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast for the office for which he is a candidate at the primary election, the name of that candidate shall be printed separately on the general election ballot under the designation "Vote for one"; and the name of no opposing candidate shall be printed on the ballot in opposition to such candidate. One space, however, shall be left following such name in which the voter may insert the name of any person for whom he wishes to cast his ballot

252.060 Filling vacancies. If a candidate nominated under the provisions of ORS 252 020 to 252 050 dies, withdraws or becomes ineligible, or if a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or otherwise in the office of judge of the Supreme Court, circuit court or district court on or after the day set for holding primary elections, or if a vacancy occurs before the primary election but within such time that a candidate for the vacancy could not be nominated at the election, candidates for such judicial office shall be nominated in the manner provided for the nomination of independent candidates. The certificate of nomination of any candidate may contain a statement, not exceeding 10 words, of his qualifications and experience. It shall not contain the word "independent." The name of any candidate so nominated, who has filed his acceptance of nomination, shall be printed upon the judiciary ballot in the same manner as the names of candidates nominated under ORS 252.050. There shall be placed on the ballot after the name of the candidate the name of the county in which he resides and a statement of his qualifications and experience, if such statement was included in his certificate of nomination.

252.070 Judiciary ballot for general elections. (1) At the general election there shall be a separate ballot entitled "Judiciary Ballot" which shall be prepared and furnished by the county clerks. On it, except as otherwise permitted by ORS 252.260 and 252 360, there shall be printed only the names of all candidates who have been nomi-

nated in any manner provided in ORS 252.010 to 252.080, as follows.

(a) Candidates for Judge of the Supreme Court.

(b) Candidates for judges of the circuit court of the judicial district of which that particular county is a part, either at large or for each separate department

(c) Candidates for the office of district judge of that county for each department to be filled.

(2) The names shall be printed upon the ballot without any party designation. The ballot shall be in the same form as the primary ballot provided for in ORS 252.050

252.080 Applicability of election laws generally; rotation of names on the ballot. All election laws, now or hereafter enacted, relating to the nomination and election of candidates for office, apply to the nomination and election of judges of the courts enumerated in ORS 252.010, except where in conflict with the provisions of ORS 252.010 to 252.080. However, when there is more than one candidate for the same judicial office or for the same position or department of a judicial office, at either the primary or the general election, the names of the candidates shall be rotated on the ballot in the same manner as names of candidates are rotated on the ballot in partisan primary elections

252.090 to 252.100 [Reserved for expansion]

252.110 Position number of Supreme Court Judge to be stated in all nomination proceedings and on primary and general election ballots. (1) In all proceedings for the nomination of candidates for election to the office of Judge of the Supreme Court, every petition or declaration for nomination, certificate of nomination, ballot or other document used in connection with such nominations shall state the official number of the position, as designated in ORS 2.040, to which the candidate aspires. His name shall appear on the ballot only for the designated position

(2) At all elections each office of Judge of the Supreme Court to be filled shall be separately designated on the ballot by its official position number, in addition to other matters required by law to appear thereon

252.120 [Reserved for expansion]

252.130 Position number of circuit judge to be stated in all nomination proceedings and on primary and general election ballots in certain districts. (1) In all proceedings for the nomination of candidates for election to the office of circuit judge in the first, second, third, nineteenth and twenty-first judicial districts, every petition or declaration for nomination, certificate of nomination, ballot or other document used in connection with such nomination, shall state the position number, as designated in ORS 3 210, to which the candidate aspires; and his name shall appear on the ballot only for the designated position

(2) On the ballots at the general election, each position to be filled shall be separately designated by its official position number, and the names of the nominees shall appear only for the positions for which they were nominated.

(3) In the case of Position No 3 in the third judicial district, the words "Department of Domestic Relations" shall always be set forth, in parentheses, following the designation of the position number

(4) In all proceedings for the nomination of candidates for election to the office of circuit judge in the fifth judicial district, every petition or declaration for nomination, certificate of nomination, ballot or other document used in connection with such nomination, shall state the position number, as designated in subsection (2) of ORS 3 210, of the position to which the candidate aspires, and his name shall appear on the ballot only for the designated position. On the ballots and other documents used in connection with the general election, each position to be filled shall be separately designated by its official position number, and the names of the nominees shall appear only for the respective positions for which they were nominated [Subsection (4) enacted as 1953 c 52 §5]

252.140 Department for which each judge elected to appear on ballot in fourth judicial district. At every general election at which there will be one or more circuit judges elected in the fourth judicial district, the department for which each judge is to be elected shall be stated on the ballots

252.150 to 252.200 [Reserved for expansion]

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

252.210 Nomination and election of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Candidates for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be nominated and voted for at the primary and general elections as provided in ORS 252 210 to 252 270, and not otherwise.

252.220 Nomination by petition or by declaration. The names of all candidates for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be presented for nomination by individual nominating petitions or by declaration of candidacy and the payment of the required fees, subject, however, to the restrictions and provisions of ORS 252 210 to 252.270.

252.230 Contents of nominating petitions and declarations of candidacy. In any petition filed by or on behalf of or any declaration of candidacy made by any candidate for nomination to the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction at the primary election no reference shall be made to any party ballot or to the party affiliation of a candidate. There shall not be attached to or contained in any petition or declaration any statement other than the name of the county in which the candidate resides, a statement, not exceeding 10 words, of his qualifications and experience, and a declaration by the candidate that if nominated and elected he will qualify for the office

252.240 Single candidate to be nominee. When a petition or a declaration of candidacy is filed by or on behalf of only one person as a candidate for nomination to the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction the name of that person shall not be placed upon the primary ballot but he shall be the nominee for the office

252.250 Primary ballot and method of determining nominees. (1) At all primary elections at which candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction are to be nominated, where two or more persons have been named as candidates for the office, there shall be prepared and furnished by the county clerks separate ballots upon which shall be placed the names of the candidates for the office. Following the name of each candidate shall be the name of the county in which he resides and a statement, not exceeding 10 words, of his

qualifications and experience, if a statement was included in his petition or declaration. The ballot shall be entitled "Superintendent of Public Instruction Ballot" and shall contain no other designation. There shall be no party designation in connection with the name of any candidate on it. The ballot shall be substantially as follows

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION BALLOT

Vote for One.

Place an (X) in the square in front of the name of the candidate voted for.

The names of the candidates shall follow. The ballot may be printed upon the same sheet as the judiciary ballot used at the election

(2) If no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast for the office, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees. Their names shall appear on the ballot at the general election. If any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast at the primary election for the office, or if a candidate is nominated as provided for in ORS 252.240, the name of the candidate shall be printed on the general election ballot under the designation "Vote for One;" and the name of no opposing candidate shall be printed on the ballot in opposition to such candidate. One space, however, shall be left following such name in which the voter may insert the name of any person for whom he wishes to cast his ballot.

252.260 General election ballot. At the general election there shall be a separate ballot entitled "Superintendent of Public Instruction Ballot," which shall be prepared and furnished by the county clerks. On it, except as otherwise permitted by ORS 252.070 and 252.360, there shall be printed only the names of candidates nominated as provided in ORS 252.210 to 252.270. The names shall be printed upon the ballot without any party designation. The ballot shall be in the same form as the primary ballot provided for in ORS 252.250 and may be printed upon the same sheet as the judiciary ballot or the general ballot used at the election.

252.270 Applicability of election laws generally; rotation of names on ballot. All election laws now or hereafter enacted, relating to the nomination and election of candidates for office, apply to the nomination and

election of Superintendent of Public Instruction except where in conflict with the provisions of ORS 252.210 to 252.270. When there is more than one candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction at either the primary or the general election, the names of the candidates shall be rotated on the ballot at the election in the same manner as the names of candidates are rotated on the ballot in partisan primary elections.

252.280 to 252.300 [Reserved for expansion]

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

252.310 Nomination and election of county school superintendents. Candidates for the office of county school superintendent in the respective counties shall be nominated and voted for at the primary and general elections as provided in ORS 252.310 to 252.370, and not otherwise.

252.320 Nomination by petition or by declaration. The names of all candidates for the office of county school superintendent shall be presented for nomination by individual nominating petitions or by declaration of candidacy and the payment of required fees, subject, however, to the restrictions and provisions of ORS 252.310 to 252.370.

252.330 Contents of nominating petitions and declarations of candidacy. In any petition filed by or on behalf of or any declaration of candidacy made by any candidate for nomination to the office of county school superintendent at the primary election no reference shall be made to any party ballot or to the party affiliation of a candidate. There shall not be attached to or contained in any petition or declaration any statement other than the name of the county in which the candidate resides, a statement, not exceeding 10 words, of his qualifications and experience, and a declaration by the candidate that if nominated and elected he will qualify for the office.

252.340 Single candidate to be nominee. When a petition or a declaration of candidacy is filed by or on behalf of only one person as a candidate for nomination to the office of county school superintendent of any county the name of that person shall not be placed upon the primary ballot but he shall be the nominee for the office.

252.350 Primary ballot and method of determining nominees. (1) At all primary elections at which candidates for county school superintendent are to be nominated, where two or more persons have been named as candidates for the office, there shall be prepared and furnished by the county clerks separate ballots upon which shall be placed the names of the candidates for the office. Following the name of each candidate shall be the name of the county in which he resides and a statement, not exceeding 10 words, of his qualifications and experience, if a statement was included in his petition or declaration. The ballot shall be entitled "County School Superintendent Ballot" and shall contain no other designation. There shall be no party designation in connection with the name of any candidate on it. The ballot shall be substantially as follows:

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT BALLOT

Vote for One.

Place an (X) in the square in front of the name of the candidate voted for.

The names of the candidates shall follow. The ballot may be printed upon the same sheet as the judiciary ballot used at the election.

(2) If no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast for the office, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees. Their names shall appear on the ballot at the general election. If any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast at the primary election for the office, or if a candidate is nominated as provided for in ORS 252.340, the name of the candidate shall be printed on the general election ballot under the designation "Vote for One;" and the name of no opposing candidate shall be printed on the ballot in opposition to such candidate. One space, however, shall be left following such name in which the voter may insert the name of any person for whom he wishes to cast his ballot.

252.360 General election ballot. At the general election there shall be a separate ballot entitled "County School Superintendent Ballot," which shall be prepared and furnished by the county clerks. On it, except as otherwise permitted by ORS 252.070 and 252.260, there shall be printed only the names of candidates nominated as provided in ORS 252.310 to 252.370. The names

shall be printed on the ballot without any party designation. The ballot shall be in the same form as the primary ballot provided for in ORS 252 350 and may be printed upon the same sheet as the judiciary ballot or the general ballot used at the election.

252.370 Applicability of election laws generally; rotation of names on ballot. All election laws now or hereafter enacted relating to the nomination and election of candidates for office shall apply to the nomination and election of county school superintendents except where in conflict with the provisions of ORS 252 310 to 252.370. When there is more than one candidate for the office of county school superintendent in any county at either the primary or the general election, the names of the candidates shall be rotated on the ballot at the election in the same manner as the names of candidates are rotated on the ballot in partisan primary elections

252.380 to 252.500 [Reserved for expansion]

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

252.510 ORS 252.510 to 252.570 govern nomination and election of justices of the peace. Candidates for the office of justice of the peace shall be nominated and voted for at the primary and general elections as provided in ORS 252 510 to 252.570 and not otherwise [1953 c 87 §1]

252.520 Nomination by petition or by declaration. Names of all candidates for the office of justice of the peace shall be presented for nomination by individual nominating petitions or by the declaration of candidacy and the payment of the fee as provided by law, subject, however, to the restrictions and provisions of ORS 252 510 to 252 570. [1953 c 87 §2]

252.530 Contents of nominating petitions and declarations of candidacy. Petitions filed by or on behalf of or declarations of candidacy made by candidates for nomination to the office of justice of the peace or any declaration of candidacy for such office shall contain no reference to any party ballot or to the party affiliation of any candidate. Nothing shall be attached to or contained in a petition of or declaration of candidacy other than the name of the county in which the candidate resides, a statement, not exceeding 10 words, of his qualifications and

experience, and a declaration that, if nominated and elected, he will qualify for the office [1953 c.87 §3]

252.540 Single candidate to be nominee. When a petition is filed by or on behalf of or a declaration of candidacy is made by only one person as a candidate for nomination to the office of justice of the peace, the name of such person shall not be placed upon the primary ballot but he shall be the nominee for the office. [1953 c 87 §4]

252.550 Primary ballot and method of determining nominees. (1) At all primary elections at which candidates for justice of the peace are to be nominated where two or more petitions or two or more declarations of candidacy for nomination for candidate for such office have been filed, there shall be prepared and furnished by the county clerks separate ballots. On these ballots shall be placed the names of the candidates for the office and, after each name, the name of the county in which each candidate resides and a statement, not exceeding 10 words, of his qualifications and experience, if any such statement was included in his petition or declaration. The ballot shall be entitled "Justice of the Peace Ballot" and shall contain no other designation. The names of candidates shall be placed on it without any party designation, and the ballot shall be, with the addition of the name of the county in which each candidate resides, and the statement above referred to, if any, after the name of the candidate, substantially as follows:

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE BALLOT

Vote for One

Place an (X) in the square in front of the name of the candidate voted for

The names of the candidates shall follow. The ballot may be printed upon the same sheet as the judiciary ballot used at the election

(2) A ballot shall be delivered to each elector by a proper election officer. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes as nominees for justice of the peace shall be declared the nominees, whose names shall appear on the ballot at the general election.

(3) When any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast for the office for which he is a candidate at the primary election, the name of that candidate shall be printed separately on the general election

ballot under the designation "Vote for one"; and the name of no opposing candidate shall be printed on the ballot in opposition to such candidate. One space, however, shall be left following such name in which the voter may insert the name of any person for whom he wishes to cast his ballot. [1953 c.87 §5]

252.560 General election ballot. At the general election there shall be a separate ballot entitled "Justice of the Peace Ballot" which shall be prepared and furnished by the county clerks. On it, except as otherwise permitted by ORS 252.070, 252.260 and 252.360, there shall be printed only the names of candidates nominated as provided in ORS 252.510 to 252.570. The names shall be printed upon the ballot without any party designation. The ballot shall be in the same form as the primary ballot provided for in ORS 252.550 and may be printed upon the same sheet as the judiciary ballot or the general ballot used at the election. [1953 c.87 §6]

252.570 Applicability of election laws generally; rotation of names on ballot. All election laws now or hereafter enacted, relating to the nomination and election of candidates for office, apply to the nomination and election of justices of the peace, except where in conflict with the provisions of ORS 252.510 to 252.570. However, when there is more than one candidate for the office of justice of the peace, at either the primary or general election the names of the candidates shall be rotated on the ballot in the same manner as names of candidates are rotated on the ballot in partisan primary elections. [1953 c 87 §7]

252.580 to 252.980 [Reserved for expansion]

PENALTIES

252.990 Penalties. Violation of the provisions of ORS 252.210 to 252.370 for which a specific penalty is not provided is a misdemeanor.

