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## SUMMARY

Eliminates sunset date of Public Records Advisory Council.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the Public Records Advisory Council; creating new provisions;  
3 amending ORS 192.461 and section 8, chapter 728, Oregon Laws 2017; and  
4 repealing sections 15 and 17, chapter 728, Oregon Laws 2017.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1.** ORS 192.461, as amended by section 16, chapter 728, Oregon  
7 Laws 2017, is amended to read:

8 192.461. (1) The office of the Public Records Advocate is created.

9 (2) The Public Records Advocate shall be appointed by the Governor **from**  
10 **among a panel of three qualified individuals nominated by the Public**  
11 **Records Advisory Council under section 8, chapter 728, Oregon Laws**  
12 **2017**, and shall be confirmed by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS  
13 171.562 and 171.565.

14 (3) The Public Records Advocate shall be a member in good standing of  
15 the Oregon State Bar.

16 (4) The term of office of the Public Records Advocate shall be four years,  
17 except that the advocate may be removed for cause by the Governor **or upon**  
18 **motion of the Public Records Advisory Council with the consent of the**  
19 **Governor**. A determination to remove for cause may be appealed as a con-  
20 tested case proceeding under ORS chapter 183.

21 (5) The advocate may be reappointed to consecutive terms.

1 (6) The Public Records Advocate is in the unclassified service.

2 (7) The Public Records Advocate may hire one or more deputy advocates  
3 or other professional staff to assist in performing the duties assigned to the  
4 Public Records Advocate.

5 (8)(a) The State Archivist may furnish office facilities and provide ad-  
6 ministrative support to the Public Records Advocate.

7 (b) If the State Archivist declines to furnish office facilities and provide  
8 administrative support to the Public Records Advocate, the Oregon Depart-  
9 ment of Administrative Services shall furnish office facilities and provide  
10 administrative support to the advocate.

11 **SECTION 2.** Section 8, chapter 728, Oregon Laws 2017, is amended to  
12 read:

13 **Sec. 8.** (1) The Public Records Advisory Council is created.

14 (2) The Public Records Advisory Council consists of:

15 (a) The Secretary of State or a designee of the Secretary of State;

16 (b) The Attorney General or a designee of the Attorney General;

17 (c) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or  
18 a designee of the director;

19 (d) A representative of the news media who is a member in good standing  
20 of a professional journalism association and who is appointed by the Gover-  
21 nor;

22 (e) Two additional representatives of the news media who are appointed  
23 by the Governor;

24 (f) A representative of the cities of this state who is appointed by the  
25 Governor;

26 (g) A representative of the counties of this state who is appointed by the  
27 Governor;

28 (h) A representative of the special districts of this state who is appointed  
29 by the Governor;

30 (i) A representative of the public sector workforce who is appointed by  
31 the Governor;

1 (j) A member of the public who is appointed by the Governor;

2 (k) A Senator who is appointed by the President of the Senate and who  
3 serves as an ex officio nonvoting member;

4 (L) A Representative who is appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives and who serves as an ex officio nonvoting member; and

6 (m) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the Public Re-  
7 cords Advocate, who shall serve as chair of the council.

8 (3) At any time when the office of Public Records Advocate is vacant:

9 (a) The Secretary of State or a designee of the Secretary of State shall  
10 serve as the acting chair of the Public Records Advisory Council;

11 (b) The council shall convene at the time and place designated by the  
12 acting chair but within 30 days of the vacancy of the office of Public Records  
13 Advocate;

14 (c) The council shall take up only the question of the nomination of three  
15 qualified individuals for the Governor to consider for appointment under  
16 [section 1 of this 2017 Act] **ORS 192.461** as Public Records Advocate; and

17 (d) The individual who had vacated the office of Public Records Advocate  
18 may participate in deliberations and vote on the slate of nominees unless the  
19 individual vacated the office for reasons described in [section 1 (4) of this  
20 2017 Act] **ORS 192.461 (4)**.

21 (4) The appointment of a member of the council described in subsection  
22 (2)(d) to (j) of this section is subject to confirmation by the Senate in the  
23 manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

24 (5) A member of the council described in subsection (2)(d), (e) or (j) of this  
25 section is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

26 **(6) The members of the council described in subsection (2)(d) to (L)**  
27 **shall each serve two-year terms and may be reappointed to successive**  
28 **terms.**

29 [(6)] **(7)** A majority of the **voting** members of the council constitutes a  
30 quorum for the transaction of business.

31 [(7)] **(8)** The council shall meet at least once every six months. The

1 council also may meet at other times and places specified by the call of the  
2 chair or of a majority of the members of the council.

3 [(8)] (9) All public bodies, as defined in ORS [192.410] **192.311**, shall assist  
4 the council in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by  
5 laws relating to confidentiality, furnish such information, including public  
6 records, and advice as the members of the council consider necessary to  
7 perform their duties.

8 **SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 8 (6), chapter 728, Oregon**  
9 **Laws 2017:**

10 (1) **The following members of the Public Records Advisory Council**  
11 **shall serve a three-year term that commenced on January 1, 2018:**

12 (a) **The member appointed under section 8 (2)(d), chapter 728,**  
13 **Oregon Laws 2017.**

14 (b) **One of the members appointed under section 8 (2)(e), chapter**  
15 **728, Oregon Laws 2017.**

16 (c) **The member appointed under section 8 (2)(g), chapter 728,**  
17 **Oregon Laws 2017.**

18 (d) **The member appointed under section 8 (2)(i), chapter 728,**  
19 **Oregon Laws 2017.**

20 (e) **The member appointed under section 8 (2)(L), chapter 728,**  
21 **Oregon Laws 2017.**

22 (2) **The following members of the council shall serve a four-year**  
23 **term that commenced on January 1, 2018:**

24 (a) **One of the members appointed under section 8 (2)(e), chapter**  
25 **728, Oregon Laws 2017.**

26 (b) **The member appointed under section 8 (2)(f), chapter 728,**  
27 **Oregon Laws 2017.**

28 (c) **The member appointed under section 8 (2)(h), chapter 728,**  
29 **Oregon Laws 2017.**

30 (d) **The member appointed under section 8 (2)(j), chapter 728,**  
31 **Oregon Laws 2017.**

1 (e) The member appointed under section 8 (2)(k), chapter 728,  
2 Oregon Laws 2017.

3 SECTION 4. Sections 15 and 17, chapter 728, Oregon Laws 2017, are  
4 repealed.

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