



# AMENDMENTS

May 2010 Ballot Measure Information

The Lane County Board of Commissioners is proposing three amendments to the Lane County Home Rule Charter for voter consideration. If approved by Lane County voters, these amendments would create a voluntary citizen Charter Review Committee, clarify qualifications for County elective positions, and bring the Charter into compliance with state elections laws.

## AMENDMENT of Lane County Charter

### Ballot Measure 20-159 Create Charter Review Committee

This amendment would create a Charter Review Committee to review the Lane County Charter every 10 years, beginning in July of 2010.

The voluntary citizen Charter Review Committee's task would be to review the Lane County Charter and report back to the Board of County Commissioners by July of the following year on proposed changes to the Charter.

The purpose of this amendment is to create a process for periodic review of the Lane County Home Rule Charter. Currently there are no provisions for reviewing and/or updating the Lane County Charter to ensure compliance with state laws or other contemporary issues.

## AMENDMENT of Section 24 of Lane County Charter

### Ballot Measure 20-160 Add Required State Qualifications for Elected Office

This amendment would add language to the Charter to clarify that any state-required qualifications for elected office are required qualifications for elected officials in Lane County. The Charter is not clear on this matter and this amendment would ensure compliance with state law.

## AMENDMENT of Section 29 of Lane County Charter

### Ballot Measure 20-161 Reflect Changes in State Election Laws

This amendment would clarify the process to be followed when an individual receives a majority of votes in the primary election. The manner of nominating and electing candidates for elective County offices would be as prescribed by state laws for the conduct of nonpartisan nominations and elections. The Charter is not clear on this matter and this amendment would ensure compliance with state law.