

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGAUGE

**CAPTION**

Amends Charter, adopts Score Then Automatic Runoff voting for elections. 10

**QUESTION**

Shall Lane County amend Charter to adopt "Score Then Automatic Runoff" method for counting candidate votes in local office races? 20

**SUMMARY**

Passage of measure will amend Lane County Charter to implement Score Then Automatic Runoff (STAR) method of tallying votes for all candidates for county office, and maintain non-partisan nature of local elections. 32

The amendment eliminates primary elections for county officers and requires STAR voting at the November general election. The STAR method directs elector to score each candidate appearing on the ballot using a scale of zero to five, with zero the lowest score and five the highest score. For each office the sum total scores for each candidate shall be tallied. For the two candidates achieving the highest scores ballots will be tallied as follows: Each elector's ballot shall be considered as cast for a particular candidate receiving the highest score. If an elector gives each candidate the same score the ballot will not count for either candidate. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be the winner. 151

The amendment includes Board authority to establish rules administration of STAR system and rules for a tie-vote. 168

