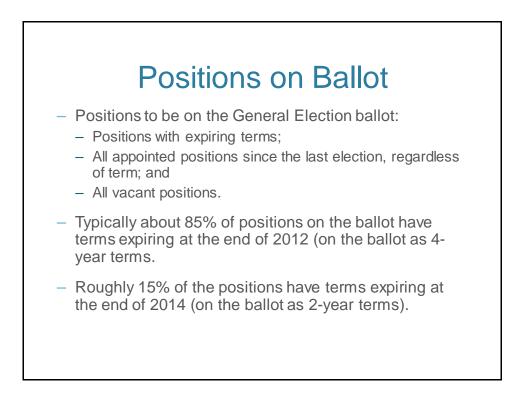


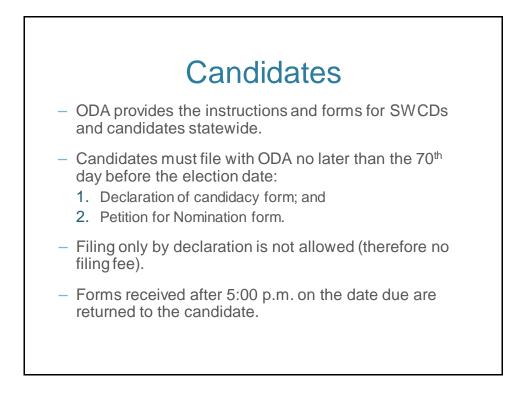
# Oregon's SWCDs

- 45 SWCDs with 291 director positions statewide.
- Each SWCD board consists of 5 or 7 district directors.
- 2 positions are at-large.
- Zone directors (3 or 5 positions) represent a specific area within the SWCD.
- 4-year terms are staggered.



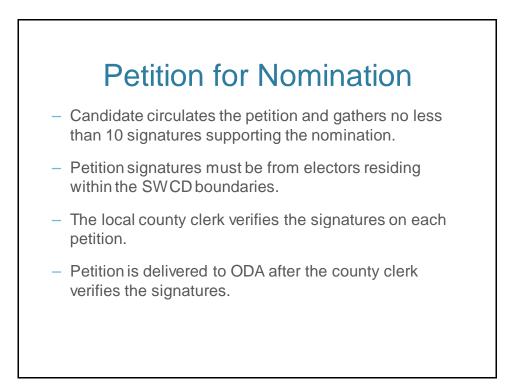
# Legal Notice

- Each SWCD is responsible for publishing a legal notice.
  - ODA provides each SWCD with a list of positions eligible to be on the ballot to include in the legal notice.
  - Each position must be listed in the legal notice with the filing deadline for candidates.
  - If the legal notice is not published by the deadline, then no candidate may be listed on the ballot for any position.
  - Proof of the legal notice is provided to ODA.



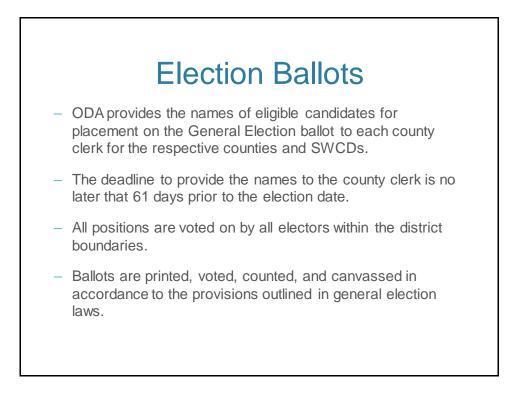
### **Declaration of Candidacy**

- Candidates must certify they meet the director qualifications as outlined in ORS 568.560 for the position they seek by filing a declaration of candidacy form.
- ODA checks director qualifications as needed (e.g., registered voter, resides within SWCD boundaries, land ownership or management, etc.).
- Providing false information on election forms may result in the conviction of a felony with a fine of up to \$125,000 and/or prison for up to 5 years (ORS 260.715).



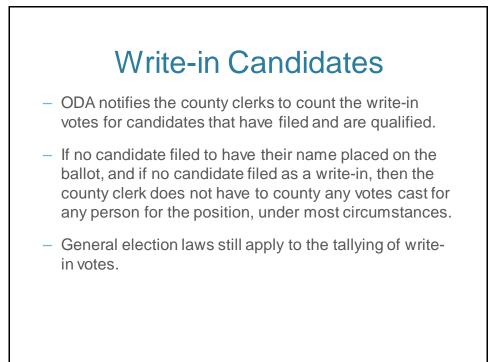
### **Other Considerations**

- Campaign finance laws apply to SWCD director elections.
  - ODA provides general information, but does not provide direct assistance relating to campaign finance (responsibility of the candidate).
- Candidates have the option of filing in the county Voters' Pamphlet in counties where one is published.
- Candidates may withdrawal from having their name placed on the ballot by filing a form with ODA no later than 70 days prior to the election date.



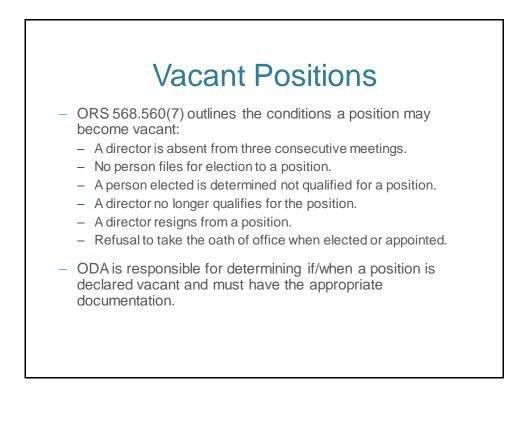
# Write-In Candidates

- If no candidate filed to have their name placed on the ballot, then the position becomes open for write-in votes.
  - Candidate may file a declaration of intent and request for write-in votes to be tallied form with ODA.
  - Candidate certifies by filing the form that they meet the director qualifications as outlined in ORS 568.560 for the position they seek, and will accept the position if elected.
  - Form must be filed with ODA no later than 14 days before the date of election.



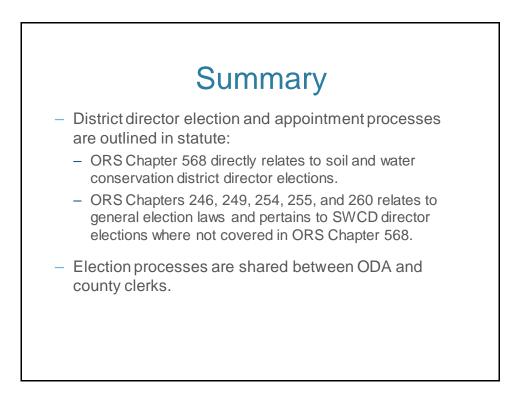
### **Post Election**

- Each county clerk provided the election abstract to ODA.
- ODA determines which candidate received the most votes from the abstracts.
- ODA notifies the successful candidates, the local SWCD, and county clerk, and issues a certificate of election.
- Successful candidates may take office after January 1 following the General Election.
- All district directors (elected or appointed) are required to take an oath of office prior to assuming the duties as director.



### **Director Appointments**

- A director position that becomes vacant before the expiration of the term shall be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the remaining board directors (ORS 568.560).
- If the majority of the board positions are vacant, or if the remaining directors cannot agree on an appointee, then ODA shall make an appointment to fill the vacant position.
- Appointments serve until the next general election, regardless of term.





- SWCD website with election packets and forms: <u>http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/SWCD/pages/services.asp</u>
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- Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division website: <u>http://oregonvotes.org/</u>

