**2019 Proposed Amendment to Lane County Charter, Section 27:**

Section 27. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS. Except as this charter provides to the contrary, the manner of nominating and electing candidates for elective county offices shall be the manner now or hereafter prescribed by the laws of the state for the conduct of nonpartisan nominations and elections.

(1) No petition, declaration, [*primary*] or [*general*]ballot for an elective county office shall make reference to any political party ballot or to a political party affiliation or designation.

(2) [*When there is only one person as a candidate for nomination to an elective county office, (except sheriff or to fill a vacancy) that person’s name shall not be placed upon the primary ballot but only on the November general election ballot.*] **Election of county officers under this section shall be held at the November election according to STAR Voting as described in subsections (3) and (4) of this section.**

(3) A [*primary or general*] ballot[*, as the case may be,*] shall be delivered to each registered elector, regardless of party affiliation. **The ballot shall direct the elector to score each candidate appearing on the ballot on a scale of zero to five, with zero being the lowest score possible and five being the highest score possible. If an elector leaves a candidate’s score blank, the elector’s score for that candidate shall be counted as zero. An elector may give the same score to multiple candidates in the same race. The ballot shall inform the elector of how votes are to be cast and how votes will be tallied under subsections (3) and (4) of this section, respectively. These instructions shall contain, at a minimum, the information presented in subsection (5) of this section.**

(4) [*When a candidate for nomination for an elective county office receives a majority of all votes cast at the primary election, that person’s name alone shall appear on the ballot for the general election.*] **STAR Voting elects the majority favorite between the two highest-scoring candidates, determined as follows:**

**(a) For each office for which a candidate appears on the ballot, the vote tally system shall calculate the sum total of the scores received by each candidate and then determine the two candidates who received the greatest total scores. Those two candidates will be deemed the “finalists” for that office.**

**(b) Of the two finalists identified under subsection (4)(a) of this section, the vote tally system shall determine in whose favor each elector’s ballot was cast, as follows: Each elector’s vote will be considered cast in favor of the finalist whom that elector gave the greater score. If an elector gave both finalists the same score, that elector’s ballot will be considered a vote of no preference between the finalists.**

**(c) The finalist in whose favor a greater number of votes are cast as determined under subsection (4)(b) of this section shall be entitled to a certificate of election to office and shall be considered the candidate who received the highest number of votes cast for purposes of section 10(3)(b) of this charter.**

(5) [*If no candidate at the primary election receives a majority of all votes cast, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on the general election ballot.*] **The following basic information shall be included in the ballot’s instructions, presented in clear and accessible language:**

**In STAR Voting, each voter, or “elector,” scores each candidate appearing on the ballot on a scale from zero (worst) to five (best).**

**If an elector leaves a candidate’s score blank, the elector’s score for that candidate is counted as zero.**

**An elector wishing to express no preference between two or more candidates may do so by giving them the same score.**

**The electors’ scores are summed, and the two highest-scoring candidates are deemed finalists. The finalist that a greater number of electors preferred will be elected to office.**

**(6) The County Commissioners shall, by ordinance, establish rules for the orderly administration of the election using STAR Voting as described in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, including rules to determine the prevailing candidate in cases of a tie-vote at any stage of STAR Voting.**