

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Repealing the)
Portion of the Omnibus Budget)
Reconciliation Act of 1990 Which) RESOLUTION
Requires That FICA be Withheld From) 92-86
the Pay of Election Officials or)
Election workers)

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 which extended Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) coverage to election officials or election workers who earn \$100.00 or more in a calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the withholding of FICA from the pay of election workers will cause numerous problems at the State and local level throughout the United States, due to the requirement that such withholdings be matched by State and local governments resulting in the very real possibility that election workers will expect their pay be increased to compensate for this loss of income, thus further increasing the matching costs and increased costs to State and local governments; and

WHEREAS, such actions will require considerable bookkeeping and maintenance, thus necessitating, in all probability, the hiring of additional clerks throughout State and local governments to maintain records of such items as well as the reporting of such withholdings by means of W-2 forms to election workers and the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, eliminating FICA withholding for these election workers would save Multnomah County at least \$10,800 a year; and

WHEREAS, there is a bipartisan effort to eliminate this requirement that FICA be withheld from the pay of election workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County does hereby urge the Congress of the United States to support legislation which will repeal that portion of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 which requires that FICA be withheld from the pay of election officials or election workers.

ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 1992.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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