



## **House Bill 3127 Frequently Asked Questions for County Vital Records Offices**

Q: What is House Bill 3127 (HB 3127)?

A: HB 3127 requires that death records be completed electronically using the state's system called OVERS.

Q: What is the effective date for HB 3127?

A: Death records must be entered using OVERS starting January 1, 2026.

Q: What happens if a County Vital Records Office receives a paper death record (paper/hybrid/dropped to paper record) after January 1, 2026?

A: There may be several paper death records that were printed in 2025 but haven't been completed by the medical certifier. Counties can register paper death records through March 31, 2026. Any paper death records received after that date must be sent to the State Vital Records Office.

Q: What happens if a County Vital Records Office receives an affidavit to amend a paper death record after January 1, 2026?

A: Counties can register and amend paper death records through March 31, 2026. As a reminder, an amendment can only be done when the original record is at the county office and the amendment is legally sufficient. Any affidavits and paper death records received after March 31, 2026, must be sent to the State Vital Records Office.

Q: Is the county still required to send the Decedents by County of Death report to the County Clerk's office? This report identifies decedents to remove from the voter rolls.

A: Counties only provide a report to the County Clerk for decedents whose death records they register. After March 31, 2026, counties will no longer be registering death records and can stop sending this

report to the County Clerk. The Oregon Vital Records Office sends a monthly list of deceased state residents to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then forwards the relevant names to the appropriate County Clerks to ensure that voter roll information is up to date. If you register a paper death record any time between January 1, 2026, and March 31, 2026, then you would still provide that information to the County Clerk's office.