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LEGAL NOTICE DIRECTORS' POSITIONS
Three positions with incumbents running for reelection on the Board of Directors at Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. are up for election. They are:

- District # 1, Sisters
- District # 7, Alfalfa
- District # 8, Bend

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the cooperative, other members that live in that district are eligible to run for election. Applications and information for candidates, including district boundaries and eligibility requirements, are available at the Cooperative's office at 2098 North Highway 97 in Redmond, Oregon. The application process involves several steps and must be completed and filed at the same cooperative office by 5:00 p.m., February 6, 2015.

NOTICE OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS:
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Laser strike hits Oregon-bound plane

MEDFORD (AP) — An Allegiant Air spokeswoman says a crew member on a Medford, Oregon-bound flight had to seek medical attention after a New Year's Day laser strike hit him in the eye.

The *Mail-Tribune* reports that airline spokeswoman Jessica Wheeler says Flight 558 from Los Angeles landed safely. She says the flight was approaching the southern Oregon airport when the plane's first officer was hit. Wheeler says the man was taken to a local physician to be cleared to fly. She did not know his condition.

The newspaper says the plane had been scheduled for an 8:30 p.m. Thursday departure for Las Vegas that had to be pushed back to Friday morning.

Wheeler says the airline filed a report with local law enforcement and will cooperate with the Federal Aviation Administration and FBI "on any investigation they may do."

FBI Portland spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele said she couldn't confirm whether the agency's Medford agents would be taking part in the investigation. She says the agency "does have the ability to investigate laser strikes."

New law eases handgun restriction

By Steven Dubois
Associated Press

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon attracts many people from elsewhere, and a new law allows some of them to get a concealed handgun license.

State law generally prohibits people with drug convictions from getting a license to carry a concealed handgun. But Oregon reduced the severity of marijuana possession charges in 1973, and has long allowed residents with one minor pot offense to obtain a license.

That exception, however, did not apply to Oregonians who got caught with an identical amount of marijuana in another state.

Starting New Year's Day, it will. It's one of several incremental or otherwise low-profile laws going into effect this week. The most anticipated new law of 2015, marijuana legalization, takes effect in six months.

The Oregon State Sheriffs' Association pushed House Bill 4068, which was sponsored by Rep. Kim Thatcher,

R-Keizer, and Rep. David Gomberg, D-Otis, and overwhelmingly approved by the House and Senate. County sheriffs are responsible for issuing concealed handgun licenses, and the association said it wanted "across-the-board consistency" regarding marijuana convictions.

"It's just a matter of fairness," Thatcher said. "Turning people down where they wouldn't have been turned down if the conviction happened in Oregon doesn't seem to make sense."

Nearly 200,000 Oregonians had a concealed handgun license as of July. It's unknown how many people have been thwarted from getting one because of a pot conviction in another state.

Kevin Starrett, director of the Oregon Firearms Federation, helped write a similar bill that was considered in the 2013 session but did not pass. He was pleased it was approved this year by a Democratic-controlled Senate he considers "extremely anti-gun."

"I can't tell you why things

go the way they do," he said. Gun control advocates did not see the need to change the law. Penny Okamoto, director of Ceasefire Oregon, said she'd like to see more training for people with concealed handgun licenses.

With marijuana becoming legal in a few months, Okamoto worries about the mixing of guns and drugs, whether it's pot, alcohol, prescription medication or something else.

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— Penny Okamoto

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