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A voter casts her ballot at one of Multnomah County's eight 24-hour election drop boxes. Election officials recommend dropping off vote-by-mail ballots at official drop off sites like these if you can't get them into the mail by Thursday in order for it to have time to be delivered by the voting deadline of Tuesday, May 15 at 8 p.m.

# Countdown to Vote

## Ballots due by Tuesday, 8 p.m. deadline

As the deadline to cast ballots for the May 15 Primary nears, voters are pressed to make their decisions on not only city and county governing contests, but on races for Oregon governor, state judges and representatives and members of Congress. In Portland, a children's levy is up for renewal. Election officials say Thursday is the last day to safely mail in the ballots to ensure they reach the Elections Office by the Tuesday, May 15 8 p.m. voting deadline. Otherwise they can be dropped off at 24-hour official ballot drop box sites, Multnomah Public Libraries, and elections offices.

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# Controversial Judge Pick Gets Hearing

A controversial judicial pick from Oregon for the U.S. Ninth Circuit of Appeals will have his nomination considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday despite opposition by Oregon's two U.S. Senators. Ryan Bounds, a U.S. Attorney for Oregon, nominated for a lifetime appointment to the bench by President Trump, has come under fire for writings back in college in which he made racist, sexist and homophobic attacks on multiculturalism.



Ryan Bounds

On Monday, Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, both Democrats, called Bounds an unqualified nominee. In a joint statement, they said he was dishonest for failing to disclose his inflammatory writings to an Oregon judicial selection committee. They also accused Republican leaders of moving forward on changing the rules on who the Senate considers for judicial appointments in order to stack

the courts in their favor, citing an unfairness that Republican objections from home state senators in the past prevented President Obama's judicial nominations. Back in February, the progressive activist group Alliance for Justice, attacked Bounds' fitness for the judge vacancy, citing his writings at Stanford University in the 1990s in which he said race-focused groups should not be allowed on campus and used racist and offensive language to describe people with backgrounds and beliefs that were different from his own. Bounds, 44, apologized for the writings earlier this year, calling them misguided sediments from his youth.