74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 6 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Rosenbaum

Nays: Thatcher

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes changes to elections laws. Requires resignations made by appointed officers and certain elected officers be made in writing. Modifies prospective petition requirements for candidate nominating petitions. Requires major party candidate nominating petitions to contain residence or mailing address of person signing the petition. Deletes requirement that statement declining nomination be signed before a notary public. Requires signature sheet for recall petition to contain name and address of treasurer or name and address of chief petitioner. Deletes requirement that application for absentee ballot be in writing and signed by applicant. Allows application by e-mail. Prohibits person from voting or attempting to vote both in election held in Oregon and in another state on the same date. Allows county ordinance that changes the number or mode of selection of elective county officers to be voted on in November of an odd-numbered year in addition to a primary or general election. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 77 A

Rep. Hunt

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of County Commissioners in Clackamas County
- Possibility of a person voting in primary elections in two different states
- Possibilities of fraud in the various methods for requesting absentee ballots

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In addition to making technical changes to elections law, Senate Bill 77-A allows counties to submit ordinances that change the number of elective county officers to voters at elections other than the primary and general elections.