74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Senate Committee on Rules

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Johnson, Monnes Anderson, Nelson, Brown

Nays: 0 Exc.: Ferrioli

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Meeting Dates: 2/22, 4/6

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 email. 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

Sen. Schrader

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Proposed changes to elections law
- How a person might be able to vote in two states for the same election
- How to prevent a person from voting in two state for the same election
- Ability of a county to send an ordinance to ballot other than primary or general election

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: 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.

BACKGROUND: In addition to making technical changes to elections law, Senate Bill 77 A also allows counties to submit certain ordinances to voters at elections other than the primary and general elections.

Clackamas County has a three-member board of commissioners. The board recently appointed a task force to study the governance structure of a five-member board of commissions and make recommendations to the board on the best form of membership structure for the county commission. If the task force and existing board recommend expansion of the board, then voters must have an opportunity to approve an ordinance to that effect. Current law allows the board to pose such a question in an ordinance at a primary or general election. Provisions of this measure allow an ordinance related to county commission structure to be voted on during an even-year election.