House Bill 2910

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY

SUMMARY

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Requires statement of organization for political committee, other than principal campaign committee, to designate person in addition to treasurer of committee to receive notices from filing officer.

Directs filing officer to send all election notices to both treasurer and person designated in statement of organization.

Allows treasurer of political committee to apply to Secretary of State for waiver of civil penalty imposed in previous five years if violation for which penalty was imposed was due to incapacity of treasurer

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to elections; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 260.042.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

- **SECTION 1.** ORS 260.042 is amended to read:
- 260.042. (1) The treasurer of a political committee shall file a statement of organization with the filing officer. The statement shall include:
- (a) The name, address and nature of the committee. The address shall be the address of a residence, office, headquarters or similar location where the political committee or a responsible officer of the political committee may be conveniently located.
 - (b) The name, address and occupation of the committee director or directors.
 - (c) The name and address of the committee treasurer.
- (d) The name and address of any other political committee of which two or more committee directors are also directors of the committee filing the statement.
- (e) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each candidate whom the committee is supporting or specifically opposing or intends to support or specifically oppose, when known, or, if the committee is supporting or specifically opposing all the candidates of a given party, the name of that party.
- (f) A designation of any measure that the committee is opposing or supporting, or intends to support or oppose.
- (g) The name of the financial institution in which the campaign account required under ORS 260.054 is established, the name and number of the account, the name of the account holder and the names of all persons who have signature authority for the account. The Secretary of State may not disclose information received by the secretary under this paragraph except as necessary for purposes of enforcing the provisions of ORS chapters 246 to 260.
 - (h) A statement of whether the committee is a controlled committee.
- (i) The name and address of a person other than the treasurer designated to receive notice as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
 - (2) The statement of organization shall be filed not later than the date specified in ORS 260.035.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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- (3) A filing officer who provides any notice under ORS chapters 246 to 260 to the treasurer of a political committee for which a statement of organization is filed under this section shall also provide the notice to the person designated by the treasurer under subsection (1)(i) of this section.
- [(3)] (4) Any change in information submitted in a statement of organization under subsection (1) of this section shall be indicated in an amended statement of organization filed not later than the 10th day after the change in information.
- [(4)] (5) This section does not apply to a political committee that is a principal campaign committee or to a political committee exclusively supporting or opposing one or more candidates for federal or political party office.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 260.

- SECTION 3. (1) If the Secretary of State has imposed a civil penalty against a political committee during the five years immediately preceding the effective date of this 2007 Act, and the violation for which the penalty was imposed was due in part to the physical or mental incapacity of the treasurer of the committee, the current treasurer of the committee may apply to the secretary for a waiver of the civil penalty. The application shall describe the reasons the waiver should be granted.
- (2) The secretary shall consider each application made under subsection (1) of this section and may reduce the amount of the penalty or waive the penalty.
 - (3) This section is repealed January 1, 2009.
- SECTION 4. (1) The amendments to ORS 260.042 by section 1 of this 2007 Act apply to political committees for which a statement of organization is filed prior to, on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.
- (2) A political committee for which a statement of organization was filed prior to the effective date of this 2007 Act, and whose filing remains active on the effective date of this 2007 Act, shall amend the statement of organization to contain the information required under ORS 260.042 not later than January 31, 2008.