

# House Bill 3604

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, ETHICS AND RULES (at the request of House Interim Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows chief petitioners of initiative or referendum petition to withdraw petition at any time prior to deadline for filing petition.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to election petitions; creating new provisions; amending ORS 250.029; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 250.029 is amended to read:

6 250.029. The chief petitioners of an initiative or referendum petition may withdraw the petition  
7 at any time prior to the [*submission of the petition*] **deadline for filing the petition, even if the**  
8 **petition has been submitted** for signature verification. The Secretary of State by rule shall design  
9 a form for use in filing a withdrawal of any initiative or referendum petition. The withdrawal form  
10 must be signed by all of the chief petitioners and filed with the filing officer.

11 **SECTION 2.** **The amendments to ORS 250.029 by section 1 of this 2008 Act apply to initi-**  
12 **ative or referendum petitions filed before, on or after the effective date of this 2008 Act.**

13 **SECTION 3.** **This 2008 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
14 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2008 Act takes effect**  
15 **on its passage.**

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**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.