

75<sup>th</sup> OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2009 Regular Session  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: SB 776-A

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Carter

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Bill

Vote: 19 – 2 – 1

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker,

Nays: Girod, Whitsett

Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: 6/22, 6/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases the statutorily prescribed filing fees and changes signature requirements for material to be included in voters' pamphlets and requires Secretary of State, by rule, to provide for size and length of statements.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 251.065 permits any candidate, or agent on behalf of the candidate for nomination or election, to file with the Secretary of State a portrait of the candidate and a printed or typewritten statement of the reasons the candidate should be nominated or elected. The cost for a candidate to submit a statement and portrait is based on the office that is being sought. Currently, the cost for an individual to file a statement and portrait for: (a) federal office is \$1,000; (b) state senator, state representative or any other office is \$300; (c) city, county or metropolitan service district is \$300.

ORS 251.115 permits the officers of a statewide political party or assembly of electors, who have nominated candidates, to file a statement in support of their parties' principles and election of its candidates and opposing the principles and candidates of other political parties or organizations. The fee for a statement filed under this section was \$600 for any statewide political party or assembly of electors, and \$300 for any less than statewide political party or assembly of electors.

The Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Divisions is responsible for the production and distribution of the Voters' Pamphlets. Senate Bill 776-A would increase all candidates and measure arguments.