

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin
Nays:	-
Exc.:	-
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Meeting Dates:	3/27, 6/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases filing fees and changes signature requirement for material to be included in voters' pamphlets. Requires Secretary of State, by rule, to provide for size and length of statements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost to produce the Voters' Pamphlet
- Percentage of production costs covered by filing fees
- Budget reallocation by the Secretary of State to cover pamphlet expenditures

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Increases the statutorily prescribed filing fees and signature requirements for voters' pamphlet materials.

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. Currently, the revenue generated by the pamphlet covers a small percentage of the total cost of production. Senate Bill 776-A would increase all candidates and measure arguments and would cover a larger percentage of the cost of production.