

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 776 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Filing fees for voters' pamphlet.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Secretary of State
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DATE: June 11, 2009

EXPENDITURES:

See Analysis

2009-2011

2011-2013

REVENUES:

See Legislative Revenue Impact Statement

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: Current law requires that each candidate for nomination or election for certain offices pay a fee to the Secretary of State for space in the voters' pamphlet. This measure increases the filing fee for candidates for office, nominating parties or assemblies, and persons filing an argument for the voters' pamphlet. The measure allows for submission of a petition form containing a specified number of signatures of electors in lieu of the filing fee. The filing fee amount and number of required signatures are dependent on the office of the candidate for nomination or election or if the nominating party or assembly is statewide or less than statewide.

The filing fees for the voters' pamphlet are deposited into the General Fund pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute 251.016.

The measure does not have a fiscal impact on the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State estimates an increase of \$547,200 in General Fund revenue for the 2009-2011 biennium. This estimate is based on the filings from the 2006 primary and general election. Secretary of State assumes that the numbers of filings do not decrease and that all candidates for office, nominating parties or assemblies, and persons filing an argument pay the fee rather than submit a petition form of signatures.