

Senate Bill 353

Sponsored by Senator METSGER

SUMMARY

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Reduces number of signatures required on certificate of nomination made by individual electors.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to nomination by individual electors; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 249.740.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 249.740 is amended to read:

249.740. (1) A certificate of nomination made by individual electors shall contain a number of signatures of electors in the electoral district equal to not less than **one-half of one percent (0.005)** of the total votes cast in the electoral district for which the nomination is intended to be made, for all candidates for presidential electors at the last general election.

(2) Each elector signing a certificate of nomination made by individual electors shall include the residence or mailing address of the elector. Except for a certificate of nomination of candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States, a certificate of nomination made by individual electors shall contain the name of only one candidate.

(3) Before beginning to circulate the certificate of nomination, the chief sponsor of the certificate shall file a signed copy of the prospective certificate with the filing officer referred to in ORS 249.722. The chief sponsor of the certificate shall include with the prospective certificate a statement declaring whether one or more persons will be paid money or other valuable consideration for obtaining signatures of electors on the certificate. After the prospective certificate is filed, the chief sponsor shall notify the filing officer not later than the 10th day after the chief sponsor first has knowledge or should have had knowledge that:

(a) Any person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement included with the prospective certificate declared that no such person would be paid.

(b) No person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement included with the prospective certificate declared that one or more such persons would be paid.

(4) The circulator shall certify on each signature sheet that the circulator:

(a) Witnessed the signing of the signature sheet by each individual whose signature appears on the signature sheet; and

(b) Believes each individual is an elector registered in the electoral district.

(5) The signatures contained in each certificate of nomination made by individual electors shall be certified for genuineness by the county clerk under ORS 249.008.

(6) As used in this section, "prospective certificate" means the information, except signatures and other identification of certificate signers, required to be contained in a completed certificate of nomination.

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.

1 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 249.740 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to cer-
2 tificates of nomination filed on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.
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