76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Rules

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Freeman, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Hunt, Olson

Nays: - **Exc.:** -

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Meeting Dates: 2/14, 5/26, 6/1, 6/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes complaints regarding alleged violations of election law to be filed electronically. Limits signature-gathering period to two years for petition to initiate district measures, deleting the notice requirements for signature-gathering that exceeds one year. Specifies notice and filing requirements for district elections, and places responsibility on district election authorities. Clarifies language governing the nomination and election for nonpartisan offices. Authorizes County Clerks to publish notices of election and ballot titles electronically. Repeals provisions for election to determine whether dogs may run at large. Makes other technical changes to Oregon election law.

MEASURE: HB 2256 B

CARRIER: Rep. Berger

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure and the proposed amendment
- Restoration of current law
- Interim work group to address the unused ballot issue

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Restores provision requiring destruction of unused ballots. Deletes provision requiring that county election post-election security plan address the security of and accounting for unused ballots.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2256-B is an "omnibus" bill filed by the Secretary of State containing numerous changes to Oregon elections law.