

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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:	2/4, 4/11, 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows portraits and documents for the voters' pamphlet filed with the Secretary of State by candidates and political parties to be filed electronically. Allows four extra calendar days for electronic filing, to Monday, the 64th day prior to the primary. Allows public inspection beginning the fourth business day following the filing deadlines. Directs Secretary of State to adopt electronic filing system. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost of re-entering documents that are not filed electronically
- Savings expected in entry, formatting, and proofreading in coming biennia
- Provisions for those who do not have computers
- Transmission of payments that often accompany document submissions
- Candidate photograph parameters

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Makes electronic filing discretionary. Allows four extra calendar days for electronic filing, to Monday, the 64th day prior to the primary. Allows public inspection beginning the fourth business day following the filing deadlines. Directs Secretary of State to adopt electronic filing system. Adds emergency clause, effective upon passage.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Voters' Pamphlet was first published by the Secretary of State in 1904 to disseminate the text of measures to be voted on by the people of Oregon. Starting in 1910, the legislature ordered that information about state level candidates running for office also be included. Oregon became one of the first states to print and distribute such a publication. One copy of the Voters' Pamphlet is mailed to every household in the state preceding every primary and general election, and special elections involving state measures or candidates for state office. Currently, typewritten information is re-entered, edited, and proofread by Secretary of State Elections Division staff. HB 2257-A allows the Secretary of State to develop an electronic filing system that may eliminate the need for much of the re-entry, editing, and proofreading, while at the same time allowing more time for candidates to organize and submit their materials.