76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 3 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Beyer, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

Navs: 0

Exc.: Atkinson, Burdick

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Meeting Dates: 6/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adjusts signature requirements for including materials in voters' pamphlet. Requires signatures submitted for state senator and state representative to be those of active electors of the candidate's electoral district. Reduces required signatures from 300 to 200. Defines "active elector".

MEASURE: HB 3148 A

CARRIER: Sen. Rosenbaum

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of Senate Bill 776 (2009) to allow signatures in lieu of paying voters' pamphlet fee
- Candidates ability to collect signatures from constituents
- Reduction in signature requirement to include materials in voters' pamphlet
- Equitable distribution of cost for signature verification
- Signature requirement for nominating petition

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 776 (2009) increased fees for voters' pamphlet materials submissions and allowed candidates, political parties and assemblies of electors to submit a petition with the signatures of electors in lieu of paying a fee to have materials included in the voters' pamphlet. House Bill 3148-A limits signatures to active electors in the candidate's electoral district.

Current statute (ORS 247.013) describes an inactive elector (voter), generally, as one who has neither voted nor updated the registration for a period of not less than five years. An elector is considered active if the county clerk does not have evidence of a change in any information required for registration.