

# Senate Bill 274

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## SUMMARY

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Prohibits providing postage prepaid for signature sheet for petition or prospective petition for state measure to be initiated.

Declaring emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to signature sheets for state measures to be initiated; creating new provisions; amending  
3 ORS 260.558 and 260.993; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 260.558 is amended to read:

6 260.558. (1)(a) It is unlawful to offer, pay or provide money or other valuable consideration to  
7 another person to sign or refrain from signing an initiative, referendum or recall petition, and for  
8 the other person to accept or agree to accept money or other valuable consideration for signing or  
9 refraining to sign an initiative, referendum or recall petition.

10 [(2)] (b) It is unlawful to sell, offer to sell, purchase or offer to purchase, for money or other  
11 valuable consideration, any signature sheet of an initiative, referendum or recall petition or any  
12 other portion of the petition used to gather signatures.

13 [(3)] (c) This *section* **subsection** applies only to signatures, signature sheets or other portions  
14 of an initiative, referendum or recall petition to be submitted to the filing officer for the purpose  
15 of verifying whether the petition contains the required number of signatures of electors.

16 (2) **It is unlawful to provide postage prepaid on, or provide an envelope with postage  
17 prepaid for, any signature sheet for a petition or prospective petition for a state measure to  
18 be initiated.**

19 **SECTION 2.** ORS 260.993 is amended to read:

20 260.993. (1) The penalty for violation of ORS 260.532 is limited to that provided in ORS 260.532  
21 (6) and (8).

22 (2) Violation of ORS 247.125 (1), 247.171 (5), 247.420 (2), 253.710, 260.402, 260.555, 260.558 (1),  
23 260.575, 260.645 or 260.665 (2) or (3) involving any action described in ORS 260.665 (2)(d) to (f) or  
24 260.715 is a Class C felony.

25 (3) Violation of ORS 260.695 (4) is a Class A misdemeanor.

26 (4) Violation of ORS 247.171 (6) is a Class C misdemeanor.

27 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 260.558 and 260.993 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2011  
28 Act apply to signature sheets circulated or signed on or after the effective date of this 2011  
29 Act.**

30 **SECTION 4. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

**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 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**  
2 **on its passage.**

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