

REVENUE: No revenue impact  
FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued  
SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/16, 3/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Removes requirement that person elected to county office provide county clerk with certificate of election. Permits certain election documents to be filed electronically. Changes certain ballot markings from “Presidential only” to “Federal only.” Alters certain filing deadlines. Removes requirement that signature sheets for initiative or referral petition be attached to full and correct copy of measure. Requires Secretary of State to establish process for modifying petition templates. Requires that one copy of prospective initiative and referral petitions be sent to required officials, rather than two. Permits district attorney to make clerical corrections to ballot title for district measure. Requires all estimates, portraits, statements and arguments for voters’ pamphlet to be filed electronically. Makes candidate’s statement for voters’ pamphlet subject to prohibition on and penalties for false publication. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure
- Reasons for alignment of filing timelines
- Availability of full text of initiative or referral when gathering signatures

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

- -2 amendment:
  - Section 7: ORS 249.031 (regarding electronic filing of candidate filings) electronic filing requirement applies only to candidate filings during a primary election for which the Secretary of State (SOS) is already the filing officer under existing law.
  - Section 12: Adds prospective petition to requirement that full text of the measure being circulated must be carried by signature-gatherers and available to be reviewed
  - Section 30: Corrects drafting issue, removes the following language from subsection 2 and adds it to subsection 1 “The district elections authority shall include the ballot title for the measure at the time the measure is submitted to the county elections official.”
  - Section 39: Amend ORS 260.232(3)(a) to provide a person, to whom a penalty may be imposed, ability to request a hearing before SOS, 20 days from the service date on the notice
  - Adds direction for the SOS to prepare and allow electors, chief petitioners, and their agents to use electronic signature sheets to collect signatures for a prospective initiative petition.
  - Adds requirement that SOS verify signatures change for state candidate petitions, rather than counties

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 2176 the “omnibus” bill filed by the Secretary of State containing numerous technical corrections and changes to Oregon elections law.