

House Bill 2379

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes additional public comment period on draft ballot title for initiative or referendum petition.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to ballot titles; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 250.065.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 250.065 is amended to read:

5 250.065. (1)(a) When a prospective petition for a state measure to be referred is filed with the
6 Secretary of State, the secretary shall authorize the circulation of the petition using the final
7 measure summary of the latest version of the printed, engrossed measure in lieu of the ballot title.

8 **(b) Upon receiving a referendum petition that contains the required number of verified**
9 **signatures, the Secretary of State shall provide reasonable statewide notice of having re-**
10 **ceived the petition and of the public's right to submit written comments as provided in this**
11 **subsection. Written comments concerning a draft ballot title for the petition may be sub-**
12 **mitted to the secretary not later than the fourth business day after the secretary provides**
13 **the notice. On the next business day after the deadline for submitting written comments, the**
14 **secretary shall send two copies of the prospective petition and one copy of all written com-**
15 **ments submitted to the secretary under this subsection to the Attorney General. The sec-**
16 **retary shall maintain a record of written comments received under this subsection.** [*On the*
17 *next business day after the referendum petition has been filed containing the required number of veri-*
18 *fied signatures, the Secretary of State shall send two copies of the prospective petition to the Attorney*
19 *General.*]

20 (2) When an approved prospective petition for a state measure to be initiated is filed with the
21 Secretary of State, the secretary [*immediately shall send two copies of it to the Attorney General.*]
22 **shall provide reasonable statewide notice of having received the petition and of the public's**
23 **right to submit written comments as provided in this subsection. Written comments con-**
24 **cerning a draft ballot title for the petition may be submitted to the secretary not later than**
25 **the fourth business day after the secretary provides the notice. On the next business day**
26 **after the deadline for submitting written comments, the secretary shall send two copies of**
27 **the prospective petition and one copy of all written comments submitted to the secretary**
28 **under this subsection to the Attorney General. The secretary shall maintain a record of**
29 **written comments received under this subsection.**

30 (3) Not later than the fifth business day after receiving the copies of the prospective petition for
31 a state measure to be initiated **and all written comments from the Secretary of State**, the At-

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 torney General shall provide a draft ballot title for the state measure to be initiated and return one
2 copy of the prospective petition and the **draft** ballot title to the secretary [*of State*].

3 (4) Not later than the 10th business day after receiving the copies of the prospective petition for
4 a state measure to be referred **and all written comments from the Secretary of State**, the At-
5 torney General shall provide a draft ballot title for the state measure to be referred and return one
6 copy of the prospective petition and the draft ballot title to the secretary [*of State*].

7 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 250.065 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to pro-**
8 **spective petitions for a state measure to be referred and prospective petitions for a state**
9 **measure to be initiated that are filed with the Secretary of State on or after the effective**
10 **date of this 2015 Act.**

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