

Senate Bill 198

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Requires signature requirements for local initiatives and referenda to match constitutional signature requirements for statewide initiatives and referenda.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to signature requirements for local ballot measures; creating new provisions; and amending
3 ORS 255.165.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 255.165 is amended to read:

6 255.165. (1) Except for a district measure of the Port of Portland, a metropolitan service district
7 organized under ORS chapter 268, a school district with an enrollment exceeding 40,000 pupils or
8 a mass transit district situated in a metropolitan statistical area with a population exceeding
9 400,000, other than a mass transit district measure relating to a route, schedule or fare change, a
10 petition to refer or initiate a district measure must be signed by a number of electors registered in
11 the district that:

12 (a) For an initiative petition, is [*not less than 15 percent*] **equal to the percentage** of the total
13 number of votes cast in the district for all candidates for Governor at the most recent election at
14 which a candidate for Governor was elected to a full term **that is required for a statewide initi-**
15 **ative under Article IV, section 1 (2)(b), of the Oregon Constitution;** and

16 (b) For a referendum petition, is [*not less than 10 percent*] **equal to the percentage** of the total
17 number of votes cast in the district for all candidates for Governor at the most recent election at
18 which a candidate for Governor was elected to a full term **that is required for a statewide ref-**
19 **erendum under Article IV, section 1 (3)(b), of the Oregon Constitution.**

20 (2) A petition to refer or initiate a district measure of the Port of Portland, a metropolitan ser-
21 vice district organized under ORS chapter 268, a school district with an enrollment exceeding 40,000
22 pupils or a mass transit district situated in a metropolitan statistical area with a population ex-
23 ceeding 400,000, other than a mass transit district measure relating to a route, schedule or fare
24 change, must be signed by a number of electors registered in the district that:

25 (a) For an initiative petition, is not less than six percent of the total number of votes cast in
26 the district for all candidates for Governor at the most recent election at which a candidate for
27 Governor was elected to a full term; and

28 (b) For a referendum petition, is not less than four percent of the total number of votes cast in
29 the district for all candidates for Governor at the most recent election at which a candidate for
30 Governor was elected to a full term.

31 (3) Except for a district measure of the Port of Portland, a metropolitan service district organ-

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 ized under ORS chapter 268, a school district with an enrollment exceeding 40,000 pupils or a mass
2 transit district situated in a metropolitan statistical area with a population exceeding 400,000, other
3 than a mass transit district measure relating to a route, schedule or fare change, a petition to refer
4 a district measure must be filed with the elections officer not later than the 30th day after adoption
5 of the district ordinance sought to be referred.

6 (4) A petition to refer a district measure of the Port of Portland, a metropolitan service district
7 organized under ORS chapter 268, a school district with an enrollment exceeding 40,000 pupils or
8 a mass transit district situated in a metropolitan statistical area with a population exceeding
9 400,000, other than a mass transit district measure relating to a route, schedule or fare change, must
10 be filed with the elections officer not later than the 90th day after adoption of the district ordinance
11 sought to be referred.

12 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 255.165 by section 1 of this 2015 Act first apply:**

13 **(1) With respect to initiatives or referenda that are instigated by the collection of sig-**
14 **natures, to any measure that starts the signature gathering process on or after the effective**
15 **date of this 2015 Act; and**

16 **(2) For all other initiatives and referenda, to any measure that is submitted to the people**
17 **on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**