

HB 2945 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires incumbent statewide office holder who files for reelection, to file nominating petition or declaration of candidacy no later than 77th day prior to primary election. In the event incumbent candidate withdraws nomination petition or declaration of candidacy, other candidates are permitted to file for that office no later than 70 days before primary election or three days after incumbent's withdrawal, whichever is later.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 249.037 requires a nomination petition or declaration of candidacy to be filed no sooner than the 250th day and no later than the 70th day before the primary election. A candidate who wishes to withdraw their candidacy or nomination must do so within three days of the filing deadline.

House Bill 2945 requires an incumbent statewide office holder to file for reelection no later than the 77th day, rather than the 70th day, before a primary election. If an incumbent statewide office holder withdraws during the prescribed withdrawal period but after the nomination and candidacy filing period has ended, HB 2945 provides a candidate has three business days from date of the incumbent's withdrawal to file for that office.