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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.

Removes requirement that person elected to county office provide county clerk with certificate of election.

Requires 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 or prospective petition be attached to full and correct copy of measure.]

Requires Secretary of State to establish process for modifying petition and prospective petition templates.

Requires that one copy of prospective initiative and referral petitions, rather than two copies, be sent to required officials.

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.

Clarifies how candidates, principal campaign committees, political committees and petition committees may use amounts received as contributions.

Permits use of campaign moneys in connection with most legal proceedings relating to election laws.

Provides that person who fails to file required statement or certificate has 20 days from date notice is sent by Secretary of State to request hearing.

Provides that during recount, Secretary of State may select batches of ballots for hand count.

Changes date Secretary of State must advise county clerks of issues relating to recount from three days after date of general election to 15 days after date of general election.

Provides that county clerk shall begin hand counts for recount not later than 23rd day after election, rather than by 21st day after election.

Requires Secretary of State to design standard form for certified statement to be used when return identification envelope is returned unsigned.

Provides that Secretary of State, rather than county clerk, is responsible for signature verification for state candidate petitions.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to elections; amending ORS 204.020, 246.021, 247.420, 248.006, 248.007, 249.002, 249.005,
3 249.008, 249.064, 249.078, 249.735, 249.740, 249.865, 250.052, 250.065, 250.067, 250.075, 250.141,
4 250.175, 250.185, 250.275, 250.285, 251.065, 251.115, 251.255, 253.575, 254.115, 254.135, 254.431,
5 254.470, 254.515, 254.529, 254.565, 255.085, 255.145, 255.295, 260.043, 260.054, 260.055, 260.057,
6 260.078, 260.118, 260.232, 260.241, 260.407 and 260.715; repealing ORS 247.435; and prescribing
7 an effective date.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** ORS 204.020 is amended to read:

10 204.020. (1) The term of office of each officer elected pursuant to ORS 204.005 commences on the

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 first Monday of January next following election to office.

2 (2) Before entering upon any elective office listed in ORS 204.005, the person [*elected*] **who has**
 3 **received a certificate of election** must qualify by filing with the county clerk of the county in
 4 which the person is elected the person's [*certificate of election, with an*] oath of office, [*indorsed*
 5 *thereon, and*] subscribed by the [*elected*] person, to the effect that the person will support the Con-
 6 stitution of the United States and of this state, and faithfully carry out the office being assumed.
 7 The person shall also give and file the undertaking provided for under subsection (3) of this section.

8 (3) A county governing body may require, by ordinance, for the filing by each officer under ORS
 9 204.005, prior to that officer assuming office, of an official undertaking with such surety as the
 10 governing body determines necessary or of an irrevocable letter of credit issued by an insured in-
 11 stitution, as defined in ORS 706.008, in either case in a reasonable amount with the county govern-
 12 ing body.

13 **SECTION 2.** ORS 246.021 is amended to read:

14 246.021. (1) Except as provided in ORS 247.012 and subsection (2) of this section, an election
 15 document and an accompanying payment of fees required to be filed with the Secretary of State,
 16 county clerk or other filing officer must be delivered to and actually received at the office of the
 17 designated officer not later than 5 p.m. of the day the document or fee is due or, if the day due is
 18 a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, on the next business day.

19 (2) If, at 5 p.m. of the day an election document is due, an individual is physically present in the
 20 office of the secretary, county clerk or other filing officer and in line waiting to deliver the docu-
 21 ment, the individual is considered to have begun the act of delivering the document and is permitted
 22 to file it.

23 (3) Except as provided in ORS 253.690, any election document required to be filed with the filing
 24 officer other than ballots, voter registration cards or petitions requiring signatures of electors may
 25 also be filed by means of an electronic facsimile transmission machine **or electronic mail**. If an
 26 election document is required to be filed by a specified time, the entire document must be received
 27 [*in*] **at** the office of the filing officer not later than 5 p.m. of the day the document is due or, if the
 28 day due is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, on the next business day.

29 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of subsections (1) to (3) of this section, if a statement is re-
 30 quired to be filed electronically under ORS 260.057:

31 (a) The statement must be received electronically at the office of the Secretary of State not later
 32 than 11:59 p.m. of the day the statement is due or, if the day due is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday,
 33 on the next business day; and

34 (b) The Secretary of State may not accept the filing of the statement in any form other than an
 35 electronic format.

36 (5) As used in this section, "election document" includes, but is not limited to, a declaration of
 37 candidacy for nomination for public or political party office, completed nominating petitions, state-
 38 ments and portraits for voters' pamphlets, statements of election campaign contributions and
 39 expenditures, and initiative, referendum or recall petitions.

40 **SECTION 3.** ORS 247.420 is amended to read:

41 247.420. (1) A county clerk shall give a ballot marked "[*Presidential*] **Federal** only" to any per-
 42 son eligible under ORS 247.410 who personally appears in the office of the county clerk, completes
 43 a registration card and verifies eligibility to vote under ORS 247.410.

44 (2) No person shall supply any information under subsection (1) of this section, knowing it to
 45 be false.

1 **SECTION 4.** ORS 254.515 is amended to read:

2 254.515. Ballots marked “[*Presidential*] **Federal** only” may be counted only for the offices for
3 which the elector is entitled to vote. Votes on the ballot for other offices may not be counted.

4 **SECTION 5.** ORS 248.007 is amended to read:

5 248.007. (1) Subject to ORS 248.005, a major political party may organize and select delegates
6 to national party conventions in any manner.

7 (2) The provisions of ORS 248.012 to 248.315 do not apply to a major political party if the party
8 has notified the Secretary of State as provided in subsection (5) of this section that the party does
9 not intend to be subject to the provisions of ORS 248.012 to 248.315. References to precinct com-
10 mitteepersons in any provisions of ORS chapters 246 to 260 do not apply to a party described in this
11 subsection.

12 (3) ORS 248.012 to 248.315 apply only to a major political party that has notified the Secretary
13 of State as provided in subsection (5) of this section that the political party intends to be subject
14 to the provisions of ORS 248.012 to 248.315. References to precinct committeepersons in any pro-
15 visions of ORS chapters 246 to 260 shall apply to a party described in this subsection. If a major
16 political party fails to notify the Secretary of State under this subsection, the party shall be con-
17 sidered subject to the provisions of ORS 248.012 to 248.315.

18 (4) A major political party shall notify the Secretary of State as provided in subsection (5) of this
19 section if the party does not intend to be subject to the provisions of ORS 248.012 to 248.315 except
20 that the party intends to elect precinct committeepersons. If a party notifies the Secretary of State
21 under this subsection, the party shall elect precinct committeepersons only as provided in ORS
22 248.015 and shall elect precinct committeepersons in the same manner in all precincts in this state.

23 (5) Not later than the [274th] **271st** day before the date of the primary election, a major political
24 party shall notify the Secretary of State in writing whether or not the party intends to be subject
25 to the provisions of ORS 248.012 to 248.315 or whether the party intends to elect precinct com-
26 mitteepersons under subsection (4) of this section. If the major political party does not intend to be
27 subject to the provisions of ORS 248.012 to 248.315 or intends to elect precinct committeepersons
28 under subsection (4) of this section, the party shall file with the Secretary of State, at the same time
29 notice is given under this subsection, a copy of its organizational documents setting forth the man-
30 ner in which its officers and managing committees are selected or any other manner in which it
31 conducts its affairs.

32 (6) In each even-numbered year, a major political party shall file with the Secretary of State a
33 statement indicating that the party is operating subject to ORS 248.012 to 248.315 or a copy of
34 current organizational documents setting forth the manner in which its officers and managing com-
35 mittees are selected or any other manner in which it conducts its affairs. Material described in this
36 subsection shall be filed [on the 274th] **between the 271st and the 277th** day before the third
37 Tuesday in May of each odd-numbered year.

38 (7) A major political party subject to the provisions of this section shall nominate candidates
39 of the major political party, for other than political party office, at the primary election.

40 **SECTION 6.** ORS 248.006 is amended to read:

41 248.006. (1) An affiliation of electors becomes a major political party in this state and is qualified
42 to make nominations at a primary election when a number of electors equal to at least five percent
43 of the number of electors registered in this state are registered as members of the party not later
44 than the 275th day before the date of a primary election. An affiliation of electors satisfying the
45 requirements of this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of ORS 248.007 on the date the

1 Secretary of State determines the registration requirements are satisfied.

2 (2) The number of electors described in subsection (1) of this section shall be calculated based
3 on the number of electors registered in this state and eligible to vote, as reported on the official
4 abstracts of the election, at the general election immediately preceding the deadline specified in
5 subsection (1) of this section.

6 (3) After an affiliation of electors becomes a major political party under subsection (1) of this
7 section, in order to maintain status as a major political party subject to ORS 248.007, the party must
8 satisfy the registration requirement of subsection (1) of this section not later than the 275th day
9 before each primary election.

10 (4) An affiliation of electors ceases to be a major political party if the registration requirements
11 of subsection (1) of this section are not satisfied by the 275th day before each primary election. The
12 affiliation of electors ceases to be a major political party on the date the Secretary of State deter-
13 mines that the registration requirement is not satisfied.

14 (5) When an affiliation of electors has not satisfied the registration requirement of subsection
15 (1) of this section for the first time, at the request of a representative of the affiliation of electors,
16 the Secretary of State shall determine not less than once each month whether at least five percent
17 of the number of eligible electors registered in this state are registered as members of the party.
18 After an affiliation of electors has qualified as a major political party, the Secretary of State shall
19 determine on the [274th] **271st** day before each primary election whether the major political party
20 has satisfied the registration requirements described in subsection (3) of this section.

21 **NOTE:** Sections 7 through 13 were deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were not re-
22 numbered.

23 **SECTION 14.** ORS 250.052 is amended to read:

24 250.052. (1)(a) For each state initiative, referendum or recall petition, the Secretary of State
25 shall prepare official templates of the cover and signature sheets for the petition. Except as pro-
26 vided in this section, templates of cover and signature sheets for state initiative and referendum
27 petitions are subject to the requirements of ORS 250.045. The templates of signature sheets to be
28 used by persons who are being paid to obtain signatures on the petition shall be a different color
29 from the sheets to be used by persons who are not being paid to obtain signatures on the petition.

30 (b) For each prospective petition for a state measure to be initiated the secretary shall prepare
31 official templates of the cover and signature sheets. The templates of signature sheets to be used
32 by persons who are being paid to obtain signatures on the prospective petition shall be a different
33 color from the sheets to be used by persons who are not being paid to obtain signatures on the
34 prospective petition. Each signature sheet for the prospective petition shall:

35 (A) Contain a notice describing the meaning of the color of the signature sheet; and

36 (B) If one or more persons will be paid for obtaining signatures of electors on the prospective
37 petition, contain a notice stating: "Some Circulators For This Prospective Petition Are Being
38 Paid." The notice shall be in boldfaced type and shall be prominently displayed on the sheet.

39 (2) A person obtaining signatures on a state initiative, referendum or recall petition or a pro-
40 spective petition for a state measure to be initiated may use only the cover and signature sheets
41 contained in the official templates prepared for the petition or prospective petition. A person who
42 is being paid to obtain signatures on the petition or prospective petition shall use the signature
43 sheet template designated for use by persons being paid to obtain signatures. A person who is not
44 being paid to obtain signatures on the petition or prospective petition shall use the signature sheet
45 template designated for use by persons who are not being paid to obtain signatures.

1 (3) The secretary shall issue templates for a petition or prospective petition only to a chief
2 petitioner of the petition or prospective petition or to an agent designated by a chief petitioner.

3 (4) The secretary shall issue official templates to a chief petitioner or designated agent not later
4 than:

5 (a) Three business days after the deadline for filing a petition under ORS 250.085 relating to a
6 ballot title certified by the Attorney General for the state initiative petition or, if a petition is filed
7 with the Supreme Court under ORS 250.085, three business days after the Supreme Court certifies
8 to the secretary [*of State*] a ballot title for the state initiative petition;

9 (b) Three business days after a prospective petition is filed under ORS 249.865 or 250.045 for a
10 state recall petition or state referendum petition; or

11 (c) Three business days after the chief petitioner files a statement with the secretary under ORS
12 250.045 (2) for a prospective petition for a state measure to be initiated.

13 (5) [*Not later than five business days after the deadline for the secretary to issue templates under*
14 *subsection (4) of this section,*] **The secretary by rule shall establish a process by which** a chief
15 petitioner of a state initiative, referendum or recall petition or a prospective petition for a state
16 measure to be initiated [*may submit to the secretary a written*] **may** request [*for*] **a** modification of
17 the templates **issued under subsection (4) of this section.** [*The secretary shall approve or disap-*
18 *prove the request not later than five business days after receiving the request. If the secretary disap-*
19 *proves the request, the secretary shall advise the chief petitioner in writing of the reasons for the*
20 *disapproval.*]

21 (6) In addition to the templates prepared under subsections (1) to (5) of this section, for each
22 state initiative, referendum or recall petition **or prospective petition**, the secretary shall prepare
23 an official electronic template of a signature sheet for the petition **or prospective petition.** A
24 template prepared under this subsection shall allow space for the signature of one elector. An
25 elector may print a copy of the electronic signature sheet for a petition **or prospective petition**,
26 sign the sheet and deliver the signed sheet to a chief petitioner or an agent designated by a chief
27 petitioner. Electronic templates described in this subsection are subject to the requirements of ORS
28 250.045, other than ORS 250.045 (6), (9) and (10).

29 (7) The secretary shall adopt rules prescribing the contents and method of production of official
30 templates required under this section.

31 **SECTION 15.** ORS 250.067 is amended to read:

32 250.067. (1) The Secretary of State, upon receiving a draft ballot title from the Attorney General
33 under ORS 250.065 or 250.075, shall provide reasonable statewide notice of having received the draft
34 ballot title and of the public's right to submit written comments as provided in this section. Written
35 comments concerning a draft ballot title may be submitted to the secretary not later than the 10th
36 business day after the secretary receives the draft title from the Attorney General. On the next
37 business day after the deadline for submitting comments, the secretary shall send a copy of all
38 written comments to the Attorney General. The secretary shall maintain a record of written com-
39 ments received.

40 (2)(a) If written comments are submitted to the secretary under subsection (1) of this section,
41 the Attorney General shall consider the comments and certify to the secretary either the draft ballot
42 title or a revised ballot title not later than the 10th business day after receiving the comments from
43 the secretary.

44 (b) If no written comments are submitted to the secretary, the Attorney General shall certify the
45 draft ballot title not later than the [*20th*] **21st** business day after the secretary receives the draft

1 title from the Attorney General. If the Attorney General determines that a draft ballot title de-
 2 scribed in this paragraph contains a clerical error, the Attorney General may correct the error be-
 3 fore certifying the corrected draft ballot title to the secretary.

4 (c) If the Attorney General determines that a ballot title certified under this subsection contains
 5 a clerical error, the Attorney General may correct the error and certify to the secretary a corrected
 6 ballot title not later than the 10th business day after the date the ballot title was certified.

7 (d) The secretary shall furnish the chief petitioner with a copy of each ballot title certified un-
 8 der this subsection.

9 (3) Unless the Supreme Court certifies a different ballot title, the latest ballot title certified by
 10 the Attorney General under subsection (2) of this section is the title to be printed in the voters'
 11 pamphlet and on the ballot.

12 (4) If a petition is filed with the Supreme Court as provided in ORS 250.085, the Secretary of
 13 State shall file with the Supreme Court a copy of the written comments received as part of the re-
 14 cord on review of the ballot title.

15 (5) The secretary by rule shall specify the means for providing reasonable statewide notice for
 16 submitting comments on a draft ballot title.

17 (6) As used in this section, "clerical error" means a typographical, arithmetical or grammatical
 18 error or omission that is evident from the text of the draft or certified ballot title or by comparison
 19 of the text of the draft or certified ballot title with a written explanation that was provided by the
 20 Attorney General and issued concurrently with the draft or certified ballot title.

21 **SECTION 16.** ORS 250.065 is amended to read:

22 250.065. (1) When a prospective petition for a state measure to be referred is filed with the
 23 Secretary of State, the secretary shall authorize the circulation of the petition using the final
 24 measure summary of the latest version of the printed, engrossed measure in lieu of the ballot title.
 25 On the next business day after the referendum petition has been filed containing the required num-
 26 ber of verified signatures, the Secretary of State shall send [*two copies*] **one copy** of the prospective
 27 petition to the Attorney General.

28 (2) When an approved prospective petition for a state measure to be initiated is filed with the
 29 Secretary of State, the secretary immediately shall send [*two copies*] **one copy** of it to the Attorney
 30 General.

31 (3) Not later than the fifth business day after receiving the [*copies*] **copy** of the prospective pe-
 32 tition for a state measure to be initiated, the Attorney General shall provide a draft ballot title for
 33 the state measure to be initiated and [*return*] **send** one copy of the [*prospective petition and the*]
 34 ballot title to the Secretary of State.

35 (4) Not later than the 10th business day after receiving the [*copies*] **copy** of the prospective pe-
 36 tition for a state measure to be referred, the Attorney General shall provide a draft ballot title for
 37 the state measure to be referred and [*return*] **send** one copy of the [*prospective petition and the*] draft
 38 ballot title to the Secretary of State.

39 **SECTION 17.** ORS 250.075 is amended to read:

40 250.075. (1) When the Legislative Assembly refers a measure to the people, a ballot title for the
 41 measure may be prepared by the assembly. The ballot title shall be filed with the Secretary of State
 42 when the measure is filed with the Secretary of State.

43 (2) If the title is not prepared under subsection (1) of this section, when the measure is filed
 44 with the Secretary of State, the secretary shall send [*two copies*] **one copy** of the referred measure
 45 to the Attorney General. Not later than the 30th day after the Legislative Assembly adjourns, the

1 Attorney General shall provide a draft ballot title for the measure. The Attorney General shall send
 2 a copy of the draft ballot title to each member of the Legislative Assembly, and file with the Sec-
 3 retary of State a copy of the [*referred measure and the*] draft ballot title and a certificate of mailing
 4 of the draft ballot title to each member.

5 **SECTION 18.** ORS 250.175 is amended to read:

6 250.175. (1) When a prospective petition for a county measure to be referred is filed with the
 7 county clerk, the clerk shall authorize the circulation of the petition containing the title of the
 8 measure as enacted by the county governing body or, if there is no title, the title supplied by the
 9 petitioner filing the prospective petition. The county clerk immediately shall send [*two copies*] **one**
 10 **copy** of the prospective petition to the district attorney.

11 (2) Not later than the sixth business day after a prospective petition for a county measure to
 12 be initiated is filed with the county clerk, the clerk shall send [*two copies*] **one copy** of it to the
 13 district attorney if the measure to be initiated has been determined to be in compliance with section
 14 1 (2)(d), Article IV, and section 10, Article VI of the Oregon Constitution, as provided in ORS
 15 250.168.

16 (3)(a) Not later than the fifth business day after receiving the [*copies*] **copy** of the prospective
 17 petition, and notwithstanding ORS 203.145 (3), the district attorney shall prepare a ballot title for
 18 the county measure to be initiated or referred and [*return one copy of the prospective petition and*]
 19 certify the ballot title to the county clerk.

20 (b) If the district attorney determines that a ballot title certified under this subsection contains
 21 a clerical error, the district attorney may correct the error and certify to the county clerk a cor-
 22 rected ballot title not later than the 10th business day after the date the ballot title was certified.

23 (c) A copy of the ballot title shall be furnished to the chief petitioner.

24 (4) Unless the circuit court certifies a different ballot title, the latest ballot title certified by the
 25 district attorney under subsection (3) of this section is the title to be printed on the ballot.

26 (5)(a) The county clerk, upon receiving a ballot title for a county measure to be referred or in-
 27 itiated from the district attorney or the county governing body, shall publish in the next available
 28 edition of a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice of receipt of the ballot title
 29 including notice that an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title not later than the
 30 date referred to in ORS 250.195.

31 (b) In addition to publishing a notice as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the county
 32 clerk may publish a notice on the county's website for a minimum of seven days.

33 (6) As used in this section, "clerical error" means a typographical, arithmetical or grammatical
 34 error or omission that is evident from the text of the certified ballot title or by comparison of the
 35 text of the ballot title with a written explanation that was provided by the district attorney and
 36 issued concurrently with the certified ballot title.

37 **SECTION 19.** ORS 250.185 is amended to read:

38 250.185. (1) When the county governing body refers a measure to the people, a ballot title for
 39 the measure may be prepared by the body. The measure and the ballot title prepared under this
 40 subsection shall be filed at the same time with the county clerk.

41 (2) If the title is not prepared under subsection (1) of this section, when the measure is filed
 42 with the county clerk, the clerk shall send [*two copies*] **one copy** to the district attorney. Not later
 43 than the fifth business day after receiving the [*copies*] **copy**, the district attorney shall provide a
 44 ballot title for the measure and send a copy of it to the county governing body and the county clerk.

45 **SECTION 20.** ORS 250.275 is amended to read:

1 250.275. (1) When a prospective petition for a city measure to be referred is filed with the city
2 elections officer, the officer shall authorize the circulation of the petition containing the title of the
3 measure as enacted by the city governing body or, if there is no title, the title supplied by the
4 petitioner filing the prospective petition. The city elections officer immediately shall send [*two*
5 *copies*] **one copy** of the prospective petition to the city attorney.

6 (2) Not later than the sixth business day after a prospective petition for a city measure to be
7 initiated is filed with the city elections officer, the officer shall send [*two copies*] **one copy** of it to
8 the city attorney if the measure to be initiated has been determined to be in compliance with section
9 1 (2)(d) and (5), Article IV of the Oregon Constitution, as provided in ORS 250.270.

10 (3)(a) Not later than the fifth business day after receiving the [*copies*] **copy** of the prospective
11 petition, the city attorney shall provide a ballot title for the city measure to be initiated or referred
12 and [*return one copy of the prospective petition and*] certify the ballot title to the city elections offi-
13 cer.

14 (b) If the city attorney determines that a ballot title certified under this subsection contains a
15 clerical error, the city attorney may correct the error and certify to the city elections officer a
16 corrected ballot title not later than the 10th business day after the date the ballot title was certified.

17 (c) A copy of the ballot title shall be furnished to the chief petitioner.

18 (4) Unless the circuit court certifies a different ballot title, the latest ballot title certified by the
19 city attorney under subsection (3) of this section is the title to be printed on the ballot.

20 (5)(a) The city elections officer, upon receiving a ballot title for a city measure to be referred
21 or initiated from the city attorney or city governing body, shall publish in the next available edition
22 of a newspaper of general distribution in the city a notice of receipt of the ballot title including
23 notice that an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title not later than the date re-
24 ferred to in ORS 250.296.

25 (b) In addition to publishing a notice as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the city
26 elections officer may publish a notice on the city's website for a minimum of seven days.

27 (6) As used in this section, "clerical error" means a typographical, arithmetical or grammatical
28 error or omission that is evident from the text of the certified ballot title or by comparison of the
29 text of the ballot title with a written explanation that was provided by the city attorney and issued
30 concurrently with the certified ballot title.

31 **SECTION 21.** ORS 250.285 is amended to read:

32 250.285. (1) When the city governing body refers a measure to the people, a ballot title for the
33 measure may be prepared by the body. The ballot title shall be filed with the city elections officer.

34 (2) If the title is not prepared under subsection (1) of this section, when the measure is filed
35 with the city elections officer, the officer shall send [*two copies*] **one copy** to the city attorney. Not
36 later than the fifth business day after receiving the [*copies*] **copy**, the city attorney shall provide a
37 ballot title for the measure[,] and send a copy of it to the city governing body and the city elections
38 officer.

39 **SECTION 22.** ORS 255.145 is amended to read:

40 255.145. (1) When a prospective petition for a district measure to be referred is filed with the
41 elections officer, the officer shall authorize the circulation of the petition containing the title of the
42 measure as enacted by the district elections authority or, if there is no title, the title supplied by
43 the petitioner filing the prospective petition. The elections officer immediately shall send [*two*
44 *copies*] **one copy** of the prospective petition to the district attorney of the county in which the ad-
45 ministrative office of the district is located.

1 (2) Not later than the sixth business day after a prospective petition for a district measure to
2 be initiated is filed with the elections officer, the officer shall send *[two copies]* **one copy** of it to
3 the district attorney of the county in which the administrative office of the district is located if the
4 measure to be initiated has been determined to be in compliance with section 1 (2)(d) and (5), Article
5 IV of the Oregon Constitution, as provided in ORS 255.140.

6 (3)(a) Not later than the fifth business day after receiving the *[copies]* **copy** of the prospective
7 petition, the district attorney shall provide a ballot title for the district measure to be initiated or
8 referred and *[return]* **send** one copy of the *[prospective petition and the]* ballot title to the elections
9 officer. Unless the circuit court certifies a different title, **or the district attorney determines that**
10 **a clerical correction is necessary**, this ballot title shall be the title printed on the ballot.

11 **(b) As used in this subsection, “clerical correction” means a typographical, arithmetical**
12 **or grammatical correction that is evident from the text of the draft or certified ballot title.**

13 (4) A copy of the ballot title shall be furnished to the chief petitioner.

14 (5)(a) The elections officer, upon receiving a ballot title for a district measure to be referred or
15 initiated from the district attorney, shall publish in the next available edition of a newspaper of
16 general circulation in the district a notice of receipt of the ballot title including notice that an
17 elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title not later than the date referred to in ORS
18 255.155.

19 (b) In addition to publishing a notice as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the
20 elections officer may publish a notice on the county’s website for a minimum of seven days.

21 **SECTION 23.** ORS 250.141 is amended to read:

22 250.141. (1) Not later than the date set by the Secretary of State by rule, each citizen panel shall
23 prepare and file with the secretary any of the following statements of not more than 250 words each:

24 (a) A statement in favor of the measure.

25 (b) A statement opposed to the measure.

26 (c) A statement that “No panelist took this position.” if a panel is unanimous in either sup-
27 porting or opposing a measure.

28 (d) A statement of key findings that summarizes the citizen panel’s findings in an impartial
29 manner and may include a tally of how many panelists agreed with the key findings.

30 (e) A statement of additional policy considerations that describes the subject matter of or any
31 fiscal considerations related to the measure. A statement submitted under this paragraph must be
32 supported by at least three-quarters of the panelists.

33 (2)(a) Before a statement is filed with the Secretary of State under subsection (1) of this section:

34 (A) A person designated under ORS 250.139 (6)(c) shall be allowed to review the statement in
35 favor of the measure by the citizen panel and provide feedback to the panel regarding the statement.

36 (B) A person designated under ORS 250.139 (6)(d) shall be allowed to review the statement op-
37 posed to the measure by the citizen panel and provide feedback to the panel regarding the state-
38 ment.

39 (C) A person designated under ORS 250.139 (6)(c) or (d) shall be allowed to review the statement
40 of key findings by the citizen panel and provide feedback to the panel regarding the statement.

41 (b) A citizen panel may adjust any statement after receiving feedback as described in this sub-
42 section.

43 (3) The secretary shall prescribe the size and manner of placement of the statements submitted
44 by a citizen panel to be printed in the voters’ pamphlet, except that the statements shall be clearly
45 differentiated from other arguments or statements in the voters’ pamphlet and may include, but are

1 not limited to, the use of unique formatting and informative symbols.

2 (4) The secretary shall provide with any citizen panel statement a description of not more than
3 150 words of the citizen panel process described in ORS 250.137 to 250.149 and the following expla-
4 nation:

5 _____
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7 The opinions expressed in this statement are those of the members of a citizen panel and were
8 developed through the citizen review process. They are NOT official opinions or positions endorsed
9 by the State of Oregon or any government agency. A citizen panel is not a judge of the
10 constitutionality or legality of any ballot measure, and any statements about such matters are not
11 binding on a court of law.
12 _____

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14 **(5) A statement described in subsection (1) of this section must be filed using the elec-**
15 **tronic filing system adopted by the Secretary of State under ORS 251.014.**

16 [(5)] (6) The secretary, by rule, shall set a date by which statements must be filed under this
17 section. The date may not be sooner than the 70th day before the date of the election.

18 **SECTION 24.** ORS 251.115 is amended to read:

19 251.115. (1) **Not sooner than the 120th day and** not later than the 70th day before the general
20 election, the party officers as designated in the organizational documents of any statewide political
21 party or assembly of electors having nominated candidates may file with the Secretary of State a
22 statement of arguments for the success of its principles and election of its candidates on a statewide
23 basis and opposing the principles and candidates of other political parties or organizations on a
24 statewide basis.

25 (2) **Not sooner than the 120th day and** not later than the 70th day before the general election,
26 the party officers as designated in the organizational documents of any less than statewide political
27 party or assembly of electors having nominated candidates may file with the Secretary of State a
28 statement of arguments for the success of its principles and election of its candidates on a county
29 basis and opposing the principles and candidates of other political parties or organizations on a
30 county basis.

31 (3)(a) Any statewide political party or assembly of electors having nominated candidates shall
32 pay a fee of \$1,200 to the Secretary of State when the statement is filed or may submit a petition
33 in a form prescribed by the secretary containing the signatures of 500 active electors.

34 (b) Any less than statewide political party or assembly of electors having nominated candidates
35 shall pay a fee of \$600 to the Secretary of State when the statement is filed or may submit a petition
36 in a form prescribed by the secretary containing the signatures of 300 active electors.

37 (c) The signatures on a petition submitted under this subsection shall be verified by the county
38 clerk or the Secretary of State.

39 (d) The Secretary of State by rule shall establish procedures for verifying whether a petition
40 submitted under this subsection contains the required number of signatures of active electors.

41 (4) A statement of arguments filed under this section must be filed using [an] **the** electronic
42 filing system [designated] **adopted** by the Secretary of State under ORS 251.014.

43 (5) The Secretary of State by rule shall prescribe the size of the statements permitted under this
44 section, except that any statewide political party or assembly of electors having nominated candi-
45 dates shall be allotted more space than any less than statewide political party or assembly of elec-

1 tors having nominated candidates.

2 (6) For purposes of this section, an “active elector” is a person whose registration is considered
3 active as described in ORS 247.013.

4 **SECTION 25.** ORS 251.065 is amended to read:

5 251.065. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, not sooner than the 120th
6 day and not later than the 68th day before the primary election, a candidate or agent on behalf of
7 the candidate for nomination or election at the primary election to the office of President or Vice
8 President of the United States, United States Senator, Representative in Congress or a state office
9 as defined in ORS 249.002 may file with the Secretary of State a portrait of the candidate and a
10 statement of the reasons the candidate should be nominated or elected. A candidate or agent on
11 behalf of the candidate for nomination or election to a county or city office, or to an elected office
12 of a metropolitan service district organized under ORS chapter 268, may file a portrait and state-
13 ment under this subsection if permitted under ORS 251.067.

14 (b) A portrait and statement may be filed not later than the 63rd day before the primary election
15 in the event of a vacancy described in ORS 249.037 (2).

16 (2) Not sooner than the 120th day and not later than the 70th day before the general election,
17 a candidate or agent on behalf of the candidate for election at the general election to the office of
18 President or Vice President of the United States, United States Senator, Representative in Congress
19 or a state office as defined in ORS 249.002 may file with the Secretary of State a portrait of the
20 candidate and a statement of the reasons the candidate should be elected. A candidate or agent on
21 behalf of the candidate for election to a county or city office, or to an elected office of a metropol-
22 itan service district organized under ORS chapter 268, may file a portrait and statement under this
23 subsection if permitted under ORS 251.067.

24 (3) In the case of a special election to fill a vacancy as described in ORS 251.022, the Secretary
25 of State by rule shall set the deadline for filing with the secretary a portrait of the candidate and
26 a statement of the reasons the candidate should be nominated or elected.

27 (4) All portraits and statements described in this section must be filed using [*an*] **the** electronic
28 filing system [*designated*] **adopted** by the Secretary of State under ORS 251.014.

29 (5) Subject to the requirements of this section, the Secretary of State by rule shall establish the
30 format of the statements permitted under this section.

31 (6) A portrait or statement filed under this section must be accompanied by a telephone or
32 electronic facsimile transmission machine number where the candidate may be contacted for pur-
33 poses of ORS 251.087.

34 **SECTION 26.** ORS 251.255 is amended to read:

35 251.255. (1) Not **sooner than the 120th day and not** later than the 70th day before a general
36 election or the 68th day before a special election held on the date of any primary election at which
37 a state measure is to be voted upon, any person may file with the Secretary of State an argument
38 supporting or opposing the measure.

39 (2)(a) A person filing an argument under this section shall pay a fee of \$1,200 to the Secretary
40 of State when the argument is filed or may submit a petition in a form prescribed by the Secretary
41 of State containing the signatures of 500 active electors. Each person signing the petition shall
42 subscribe to a statement that the person has read and agrees with the argument.

43 (b) The signatures on each petition shall be verified by the county clerk or the Secretary of
44 State.

45 (c) The Secretary of State by rule shall establish procedures for verifying whether a petition

1 submitted under this subsection contains the required number of signatures of active electors.

2 (3) An argument filed under this section must be filed using [*an*] **the** electronic filing system
3 [*designated*] **adopted** by the Secretary of State under ORS 251.014.

4 (4) The Secretary of State by rule shall establish the size and length of arguments permitted
5 under ORS 251.245 and this section, except that the length of an argument may not exceed 325
6 words. The size and length limitations shall be the same for arguments submitted under ORS 251.245
7 or this section.

8 **SECTION 27.** ORS 254.115 is amended to read:

9 254.115. (1) The official primary election ballot shall be styled “Official Primary Nominating
10 Ballot for the _____ Party.” and shall state:

11 (a) The name of the county for which it is intended.

12 (b) The date of the primary election.

13 (c) The names of all candidates for nomination at the primary election whose nominating pe-
14 titions or declarations of candidacy have been made and filed, and who have not died, withdrawn
15 or become disqualified.

16 (d) The names of candidates for election as precinct committeeperson.

17 (e) The names of candidates for the party nomination for President of the United States who
18 qualified for the ballot under ORS 249.078.

19 (2) The primary election ballot may include any city, county or nonpartisan office or the number,
20 ballot title and financial estimates under ORS 250.125 of any measure.

21 (3)(a) The ballot may not contain the name of any person other than those referred to in sub-
22 sections (1) and (2) of this section.

23 (b) The name of each candidate for whom a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy has
24 been filed shall be printed on the ballot in but one place, **except in circumstances where a can-**
25 **didate may hold more than one office or nomination without violating ORS 249.013.**

26 (c) In the event that two or more candidates for the same nomination or office have the same
27 or similar surnames, the location of their places of residence shall be printed with their names to
28 distinguish one from another.

29 **SECTION 28.** ORS 254.135 is amended to read:

30 254.135. (1) The official general or special election ballot shall be styled “Official Ballot” and
31 shall state:

32 (a) The name of the county for which it is intended.

33 (b) The date of the election.

34 (c) The names of all candidates for offices to be filled at the election whose nominations have
35 been made and accepted and who have not died, withdrawn or become disqualified. The ballot may
36 not contain the name of any other person.

37 (d) The number, ballot title and financial estimates under ORS 250.125 of any measure to be
38 voted on at the election.

39 (2) The names of candidates for President and Vice President of the United States shall be
40 printed in groups together, [*under*] **with** their political party designations. The names of the electors
41 may not be printed on the general election ballot. A vote for the candidates for President and Vice
42 President is a vote for the group of presidential electors supporting those candidates and selected
43 as provided by law. The general election ballot shall state that electors of President and Vice
44 President are being elected and that a vote for the candidates for President and Vice President shall
45 be a vote for the electors supporting those candidates.

1 (3)(a) The name of each candidate nominated shall be printed on the ballot in but one place,
 2 without regard to how many times the candidate may have been nominated, **except in circum-**
 3 **stances where a candidate may hold more than one office or nomination without violating**
 4 **ORS 249.013.** The name of a political party, or names of political parties, shall be printed with the
 5 name of a candidate for other than nonpartisan office according to the following rules:

6 (A) For a candidate not affiliated with a political party who is nominated by a minor political
 7 party, the name of the minor political party shall be printed with the name of the candidate;

8 (B) For a candidate not affiliated with a political party who is nominated by more than one
 9 minor political party, the names of not more than three minor political parties selected by the can-
 10 didate shall be printed with the name of the candidate;

11 (C) For a candidate who is a member of a political party who is nominated by a political party
 12 of which the candidate is not a member, the name of the political party that nominated the candi-
 13 date shall be printed with the name of the candidate;

14 (D) For a candidate who is a member of a political party who is nominated by more than one
 15 political party of which the candidate is not a member, the names of not more than three political
 16 parties selected by the candidate shall be printed with the name of the candidate;

17 (E) For a candidate who is nominated only by a political party of which the candidate is a
 18 member, the name of the political party of which the candidate is a member shall be printed with
 19 the name of the candidate; and

20 (F) For a candidate who is nominated by a political party of which the candidate is a member
 21 and by any political party or parties of which the candidate is not a member, the name of the poli-
 22 tical party of which the candidate is a member and the names of not more than two other political
 23 parties selected by the candidate shall be printed with the name of the candidate.

24 (b) If a candidate is required to select the name of a political party to be printed on the ballot
 25 under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the candidate shall notify the filing officer of the selection
 26 not later than the 61st day before the day of the election.

27 (c) The word "incumbent" shall be printed with the name of each candidate for the Supreme
 28 Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court or circuit court who is designated the incumbent by the
 29 Secretary of State under ORS 254.085.

30 (d) The word "nonaffiliated" shall be printed with the name of each candidate who is not affil-
 31 iated with a political party and who is nominated by an assembly of electors or individual electors.

32 (e) If two or more candidates for the same office have the same or similar surnames, the location
 33 of their places of residence shall be printed with their names to distinguish one from another.

34 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3)(a) of this section, the name of a candidate nominated for more
 35 than one district office that is to be filled at the same election shall be separately printed upon the
 36 ballot for each district office for which the candidate is nominated.

37 **SECTION 29.** ORS 255.085 is amended to read:

38 255.085. (1) Not later than the 61st day before a district election on a measure, the district
 39 elections authority shall deliver to the elections officer a notice stating the date of the election and
 40 a ballot title. The district elections authority shall prepare the ballot title for a measure referred
 41 by the authority with the assistance of the district attorney for the county of the elections officer
 42 or an attorney employed by the district elections authority. **The district elections authority shall**
 43 **include the ballot title for the measure at the time the measure is submitted to the elections**
 44 **officer.**

45 (2) If a district submits a measure to the electors of the district at an election held on the first

1 Tuesday after the first Monday in November and the district submitted a measure on the election
 2 date in ORS 255.345 (1) immediately preceding the date of an election held on the first Tuesday after
 3 the first Monday in November, the district elections authority shall file the measure, **including the**
 4 **ballot title for the measure**, for the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
 5 November with the elections officer not later than the 47th day before an election held on the first
 6 Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

7 (3) A notice of election called to approve the issuance of bonds shall include:

8 (a) The purpose for which the bonds are to be used;

9 (b) The amount and the term of the bonds;

10 (c) The kind of bonds proposed to be issued; and

11 (d) If the bond election is authorized by ORS 450.900, the additional notice requirements in ORS
 12 450.905.

13 (4)(a) In the case of a measure submitted by initiative or referendum petition, the elections of-
 14 ficer shall publish the notice in the next available edition of a newspaper of general circulation in
 15 the district after the deadline for filing the notice.

16 (b) In the case of a measure referred by the district elections authority, the elections officer
 17 shall publish the notice of election in the next available edition of a newspaper of general circu-
 18 lation in the district after the notice of election is filed. The notice shall also state that an elector
 19 may file a petition for review of the ballot title not later than the date referred to in ORS 255.155.
 20 If the circuit court certifies a different ballot title, the elections officer shall publish an amended
 21 notice of election in the next available edition of the newspaper referred to in this subsection after
 22 the new title is certified to the elections officer.

23 (c) In addition to publishing the notice as described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection,
 24 the elections officer may publish the notice on the county's website for a minimum of seven days.

25 **SECTION 30.** ORS 255.295 is amended to read:

26 255.295. (1) Not later than the 20th day after the date of an election, the [*county clerk*] **elections**
 27 **officer** shall prepare an abstract of the votes and deliver it to the district elections authority. Not
 28 later than the 40th day after [*receiving the abstract*] **the date of an election**, the district elections
 29 authority shall determine from it the result of the election.

30 (2) Subject to ORS 254.548, the [*county clerk*] **elections officer** may issue a certificate of election
 31 only after the district elections authority has notified the [*county clerk*] **elections officer** in writing
 32 of the result of the election. The notification to the [*county clerk*] **elections officer** shall contain a
 33 statement indicating whether any candidate elected to district office is qualified to hold the office.

34 **SECTION 31.** ORS 254.565 is amended to read:

35 254.565. Subject to ORS 254.548, the chief city elections officer:

36 (1) After the primary election, shall enter in a register of nominations:

37 (a) The name of each candidate for city office nominated at the primary election.

38 (b) The office for which the candidate is nominated.

39 (c) If applicable, the name of the major political party nominating the candidate.

40 (d) The date of the entry.

41 (2) After the general election, shall prepare and deliver a certificate of election to each qualified
 42 candidate having the most votes for election to a city office.

43 (3) Not later than the [*30th*] **40th** day after any election, shall canvass the vote on each city
 44 measure, and if two or more of the approved measures contain conflicting provisions, proclaim which
 45 is paramount.

1 **NOTE:** Section 32 was deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were not renumbered.

2 **SECTION 33.** ORS 260.043 is amended to read:

3 260.043. (1) A candidate who serves as the candidate's own treasurer and who expects neither
4 the aggregate contributions to be received nor the aggregate expenditures to be made by or on be-
5 half of the candidate to exceed \$750 in total amount during a calendar year is not required to:

6 (a) File a statement of organization under ORS 260.039;

7 (b) Establish a single exclusive campaign account under ORS 260.054; or

8 (c) File statements under ORS 260.057.

9 (2) A candidate described in subsection (1) of this section must keep contribution and expendi-
10 ture records for the previous 24 months.

11 *[(3) If at any time following the filing of a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy or certifi-*
12 *cate of nomination and during the calendar year either the aggregate contributions or aggregate*
13 *expenditures exceed \$750, the candidate shall do all of the following:]*

14 *[(a) File a statement of organization under ORS 260.039.]*

15 *[(b) Establish a single exclusive campaign account as required under ORS 260.054.]*

16 *[(c) File a statement under ORS 260.057 showing all contributions received and expenditures made.*
17 *The statement shall be filed not later than seven calendar days after aggregate contributions or ag-*
18 *gregate expenditures exceed \$750 during a calendar year.]*

19 *[(d) If necessary, file additional statements under ORS 260.057.]*

20 **(3)(a) If at any time during the calendar year either the aggregate contributions or ag-**
21 **gregate expenditures exceed \$750, the candidate must file a statement of organization under**
22 **ORS 260.039, establish a single exclusive campaign account as required under ORS 260.054 and**
23 **file statements as required in paragraph (b) of this subsection.**

24 **(b)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, if at any time during**
25 **the calendar year either the aggregate contributions or aggregate expenditures exceed \$750,**
26 **the candidate must file a statement under ORS 260.057 showing all contributions received and**
27 **expenditures made. After aggregate contributions or aggregate expenditures exceed \$750**
28 **during a calendar year, the statement shall be filed under the time frames established in ORS**
29 **260.057 (3).**

30 **(B) If the candidate expects neither the aggregate contributions to be received nor the**
31 **aggregate expenditures to be made by or on behalf of the candidate to exceed \$3,500 during**
32 **the calendar year, the candidate may file a statement to that effect under ORS 260.112,**
33 **rather than file statements under ORS 260.057. Notwithstanding ORS 260.112 (2), the state-**
34 **ment shall be filed not later than seven calendar days after aggregate contributions or ag-**
35 **gregate expenditures exceed \$750 during a calendar year.**

36 (4) This section does not apply to candidates for federal office.

37 **SECTION 34.** ORS 260.054 is amended to read:

38 260.054. (1) Each political committee shall establish a single exclusive campaign account and
39 each petition committee organized under ORS 260.118 shall establish a single exclusive petition ac-
40 count in a financial institution, as defined in ORS 706.008. The financial institution must be located
41 in this state and must ordinarily conduct business with the general public in this state.

42 (2) A political committee shall maintain the campaign account in the name of the political
43 committee. A petition committee shall maintain the petition account in the name of the petition
44 committee.

45 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section:

1 (a) All expenditures made by the political committee shall be drawn from the campaign account
2 and:

3 (A) Issued on a check signed by the candidate on whose behalf the account is established, by
4 the treasurer of the political committee or by an individual designated by the candidate or treasurer;
5 or

6 (B) Paid using a debit card or other form of electronic transaction.

7 (b) All expenditures made by the petition committee shall be drawn from the petition account
8 and:

9 (A) Issued on a check signed by the chief petitioner or treasurer of the petition committee or
10 by an individual designated by the chief petitioner or treasurer; or

11 (B) Paid using a debit card or other form of electronic transaction.

12 (4) Subsection (3) of this section does not prohibit a person from making a cash or other ex-
13 penditure on behalf of the political committee or petition committee and receiving reimbursement
14 from the campaign or petition account.

15 (5)(a) Not later than seven [*calendar*] **business** days after the date the contribution is received:

16 (A) A contribution received by a candidate or the treasurer of a political committee, directly
17 or indirectly, shall be deposited into the campaign account.

18 (B) A contribution received by a chief petitioner or treasurer of a petition committee, directly
19 or indirectly, shall be deposited into the petition account.

20 (b) This subsection does not apply to in-kind contributions received by a candidate, political
21 committee or petition committee.

22 (6) This section does not prohibit the transfer of any amount deposited in a campaign or petition
23 account into a certificate of deposit, stock fund or other investment instrument.

24 (7) A campaign or petition account may not include any private moneys, other than contribu-
25 tions received by the political committee or petition committee.

26 (8) A political committee or petition committee shall retain a copy of each financial institution
27 account statement from the campaign or petition account described in this section for not less than
28 two years after the date the statement is issued by the financial institution.

29 (9) This section does not apply to candidates described in ORS 260.043.

30 (10) As used in this section, “contribution” and “expenditure” include a contribution or ex-
31 penditure to or on behalf of an initiative, referendum or recall petition.

32 **SECTION 35.** ORS 260.055 is amended to read:

33 260.055. (1) Each candidate, other than a candidate for political party office, the treasurer of
34 each political committee and the treasurer of each petition committee shall keep detailed accounts.
35 The accounts shall be current as of not later than the seventh [*calendar*] **business** day after the date
36 of receiving a contribution or making an expenditure with respect to all contributions received and
37 all expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate or committee that are required to be reported
38 under ORS 260.057, 260.076 or 260.078. Subject to ORS 260.085, the accounts shall list all information
39 required to be reported under ORS 260.083.

40 (2) Accounts kept by a candidate or the treasurer of a political committee may be inspected
41 under reasonable circumstances at any time before the election to which the accounts refer or
42 during the period specified for retention of the accounts under subsection (3) of this section by any
43 opposing candidate or the treasurer of any political committee for the same electoral contest. The
44 right of inspection may be enforced by writ of mandamus issued by any court of competent juris-
45 diction. The treasurers of political committees supporting a candidate may be joined with the can-

1 didate as defendants in a mandamus proceeding.

2 (3) Accounts kept by a candidate or treasurer shall be preserved by the candidate or treasurer
3 for at least two years after the date the statement of the contribution or expenditure is filed under
4 ORS 260.057.

5 **SECTION 36.** ORS 260.057 is amended to read:

6 260.057. (1) The Secretary of State by rule shall adopt an electronic filing system to be used by:

7 (a) All candidates and political committees to file with the secretary statements of contributions
8 received and expenditures made by the candidates and political committees, as described in ORS
9 260.083.

10 (b) Treasurers of petition committees organized under ORS 260.118 to file with the secretary
11 statements of contributions received and expenditures made by the treasurers or chief petitioners
12 as described in ORS 260.083.

13 (c) Persons who make independent expenditures as provided in ORS 260.044 to file with the
14 secretary statements of independent expenditures made by the persons as described in ORS 260.083.

15 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a candidate or political committee shall file a
16 statement of contributions received and expenditures made described in subsection (1)(a) of this
17 section not later than 30 calendar days after a contribution is received or an expenditure is made.

18 (3)(a) A candidate for nomination or election at any primary or general election or a political
19 committee supporting or opposing a candidate or measure at any primary or general election shall
20 file a statement described in subsection (1)(a) of this section not later than seven calendar days after
21 a contribution is received or an expenditure is made. This paragraph applies to contributions re-
22 ceived and expenditures made:

23 (A) During the period beginning on the 42nd calendar day before the date of any primary
24 election and ending on the date of the primary election; and

25 (B) During the period beginning on the 42nd calendar day before the date of any general
26 election and ending on the date of the general election.

27 (b) For any special election, the secretary by rule may establish a period during which a can-
28 didate for nomination or election at the special election or a political committee supporting or op-
29 posing a candidate or measure at the special election must file a statement described in subsection
30 (1) of this section not later than seven calendar days after a contribution is received or an expend-
31 iture is made.

32 (c) If the candidate or political committee receives a contribution or makes an expenditure prior
33 to the 42nd calendar day before the date of the primary or general election and the candidate or
34 political committee has not filed a statement of the contribution or expenditure under subsection (2)
35 of this section by the 43rd calendar day before the date of the primary or general election, the
36 candidate or political committee shall file a statement described in subsection (1)(a) of this section
37 not later than the 35th calendar day before the date of the primary or general election.

38 (4) The electronic filing system shall be provided free of charge by the secretary and shall:

39 (a) Accept electronic files that conform to the format prescribed by the secretary by rule; or

40 (b) Be compatible with any other electronic filing application provided or approved by the sec-
41 retary.

42 (5)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the secretary shall make all data
43 filed electronically under subsection (1)(a) of this section and all information filed with the secretary
44 under ORS 260.049 or 260.085 available on the Internet to the public free of charge according to a
45 schedule adopted by the secretary by rule. The secretary shall make the data available in a

1 searchable database that is easily accessible by the public. When the secretary makes data or in-
 2 formation available on the Internet under this subsection, the secretary shall display any contribu-
 3 tion received from a person or political committee with an out-of-state address in a different colored
 4 font than a contribution received from a person or political committee with an in-state address.

5 (b) The secretary may not make data that are filed electronically under subsection (1)(a) of this
 6 section available to the public under this section, unless the data are required to be listed under
 7 ORS 260.083. The secretary may not disclose under ORS 192.410 to 192.505 any data that are filed
 8 electronically under subsection (1)(a) of this section, unless the data are required to be listed under
 9 ORS 260.083.

10 (6)[(a)] [*Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection,*] Each statement required by this
 11 section shall be signed and certified as true by the candidate [*or treasurer required to file it*],
 12 **treasurer, designee of the candidate or treasurer or person who files a statement of inde-**
 13 **pendent expenditures under ORS 260.044, as appropriate.** Signatures shall be supplied in the
 14 manner specified by the secretary by rule.

15 [(b) *A candidate or treasurer may designate an individual to sign and certify as true a statement*
 16 *required by this section. The designation must be filed in writing with the secretary and must be re-*
 17 *newed for each two-year period beginning January 1 of an even-numbered year.*]

18 (7) This section does not apply to:

19 (a) Candidates for federal office;

20 (b) Candidates who are not required to file a statement of organization under ORS 260.043; or

21 (c) Candidates, political committees or petition committees that file certificates under ORS
 22 260.112.

23 **SECTION 37.** ORS 260.078 is amended to read:

24 260.078. If the first statement filed by a candidate, a candidate's principal campaign committee,
 25 **a petition committee** or a political committee under ORS 260.057 shows an unexpended balance
 26 of contributions not previously reported on hand, the statement shall list all contributions and
 27 expenditures giving rise to the unexpended balance of contributions in accordance with ORS 260.083.

28 **SECTION 38.** ORS 260.232 is amended to read:

29 260.232. (1) The Secretary of State may impose a civil penalty as provided in this section, in
 30 addition to any other penalty that may be imposed, for:

31 (a) Failure to file a statement or certificate required to be filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057,
 32 260.076, 260.078, 260.083, 260.112 or 260.118.

33 (b) Failure to include in a statement filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078, 260.083,
 34 260.112 or 260.118 the information required under ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.083 or 260.118.

35 (2)(a) If a person required to file has not filed a statement or certificate complying with appli-
 36 cable provisions of ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078, 260.083, 260.085, 260.112 or 260.118 within
 37 the time specified in ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078 or 260.118, the Secretary of State by first
 38 class mail **or electronically** shall notify the person that a penalty may be imposed and that the
 39 person has 20 days from the service date on the notice to request a hearing before the Secretary
 40 of State.

41 (b) If the person required to file is a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a can-
 42 didate, the Secretary of State shall send the notice described in paragraph (a) of this subsection by
 43 first class mail **or electronically** to the candidate. The notice shall be used for purposes of deter-
 44 mining the deadline for requesting a hearing under subsection (3) of this section.

45 (3) A hearing on whether to impose a civil penalty and to consider circumstances in mitigation

1 shall be held by the Secretary of State:

2 (a) Upon request of the person against whom the penalty may be assessed, if the request is made
3 not later than the 20th day [*after the person received*] **from the service date on** the notice sent
4 under subsection (2) of this section;

5 (b) Upon request of the filing officer with whom a statement or certificate was required to be
6 filed but was not filed; or

7 (c) Upon the Secretary of State's own motion.

8 (4) A hearing under subsection (3) of this section shall be held not later than 45 days after the
9 deadline for the person against whom the penalty may be assessed to request a hearing. However,
10 if requested by the person against whom the penalty may be assessed, a hearing under subsection
11 (3) of this section shall be held not later than 60 days after the deadline for the person against whom
12 the penalty may be assessed to request a hearing.

13 (5) The Secretary of State shall issue an order not later than 90 days after a hearing or after
14 the deadline for requesting a hearing if no hearing is held.

15 (6) The person against whom a penalty may be assessed need not appear in person at a hearing
16 held under this section, but instead may submit written testimony and other evidence, subject to the
17 penalty for false swearing, to the Secretary of State for entry in the hearing record. The testimony
18 and other evidence must be received by the secretary not later than three business days before the
19 day of the hearing and may be submitted electronically.

20 (7) A civil penalty imposed under this section may not be more than the following:

21 (a) For failure to file a statement or certificate required to be filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057,
22 260.076, 260.078, 260.083, 260.112 or 260.118, 10 percent of the total amount of the contribution or
23 expenditure required to be included in the statement or certificate; or

24 (b) For each failure to include in a statement filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078,
25 260.083, 260.112 or 260.118 the information required under ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.083 or
26 260.118, 10 percent of the total amount of the contribution or expenditure required to be included
27 in the statement.

28 (8) The Secretary of State, upon a showing of mitigating circumstances, may reduce the amount
29 of the penalty described in subsection (7) of this section.

30 (9) Except as otherwise provided by this section, civil penalties under this section shall be im-
31 posed as provided in ORS 183.745.

32 **SECTION 39.** ORS 260.241 is amended to read:

33 260.241. (1) Despite delay in the filing of statements relating to a candidate's nomination re-
34 quired to be filed under ORS 260.057, or in the filing of a certificate described in ORS 260.112 in lieu
35 of a statement required under ORS 260.057, prior to the nominating election, the candidate's name
36 shall appear on the general election ballot if those statements or the certificate is filed before the
37 61st day before the general election.

38 (2) A candidate's name may not be placed on the general election ballot if the statements or
39 certificate referred to in subsection (1) of this section is not filed before the 61st day before the
40 general election.

41 (3) If the statements or certificate referred to in subsection (1) of this section is not filed by the
42 68th day before the general election, the filing officer by mail **or electronically** shall notify the
43 candidate that the candidate's name may not be placed on the general election ballot. The filing
44 officer shall send the notice described in this subsection by first class mail **or electronically** to the
45 candidate and the candidate's treasurer or the treasurer of the candidate's principal campaign

1 committee. The filing officer is not required to send two notices if the candidate serves as the
2 treasurer of the candidate's principal campaign committee.

3 **SECTION 40.** ORS 260.407 is amended to read:

4 260.407. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, amounts received as con-
5 tributions by a candidate, [or] the principal campaign committee of a candidate [*for public office that*
6 *are in excess of any amount necessary to defray expenditures and any other funds donated to a holder*
7 *of public office*] **or the principal campaign committee of a holder of public office** may be:

8 (A) Used to defray any expenses incurred in connection with the recipient's duties as a holder
9 of public office;

10 (B) Transferred to any national, state or local political committee of any political party;

11 (C) Contributed to any organization described in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code
12 or to any charitable corporation as defined in ORS 128.620; or

13 (D) Used for any other lawful purpose.

14 (b) Amounts received as contributions by a candidate, [or] the principal campaign committee of
15 a candidate for public office [*that are in excess of any amount necessary to defray expenditures and*
16 *other funds donated to a holder of public office*] **or the principal campaign committee of a holder**
17 **of public office** may not be:

18 (A) Converted by any person to any personal use other than to defray any expenses incurred in
19 connection with the person's duties as a holder of public office or to repay to a candidate any loan
20 the proceeds of which were used in connection with the candidate's campaign;

21 (B) Except as provided in this subparagraph, used to pay any money award as defined in ORS
22 18.005 included as part of a judgment in a civil or criminal action or any civil penalty imposed by
23 an agency as defined in ORS 183.310 or by a local government as defined in ORS 174.116. Contri-
24 butions described in this paragraph may be used to pay a civil penalty imposed under this chapter,
25 other than a civil penalty imposed for a violation of this section or ORS 260.409; or

26 (C) Except as provided in this subparagraph, used to pay any legal expenses incurred by the
27 candidate or public official in any civil, criminal or other legal proceeding or investigation that re-
28 lates to or arises from the course and scope of the duties of the person as a candidate or public
29 official. Contributions described in this paragraph may be used to pay legal expenses incurred by
30 the candidate or public official in connection with a legal proceeding brought under [*this chapter*]
31 **ORS chapters 246 to 260**, other than a proceeding brought under this section or ORS 260.409.

32 (2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, amounts received as contributions
33 by a political committee that is not a principal campaign committee [*that are in excess of any amount*
34 *necessary to defray expenditures*] may be:

35 (A) Used to repay to the political committee any loan the proceeds of which were used in con-
36 nection with the campaign;

37 (B) Transferred to any national, state or local political committee of any political party;

38 (C) Contributed to any organization described in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code
39 or to any charitable corporation as defined in ORS 128.620; or

40 (D) Used for any other lawful purpose.

41 (b) Amounts received as contributions by the political committee may not be:

42 (A) Converted by any person to any personal use;

43 (B) Except as provided in this subparagraph, used to pay any money award as defined in ORS
44 18.005 included as part of a judgment in a civil or criminal action or any civil penalty imposed by
45 an agency as defined in ORS 183.310 or by a local government as defined in ORS 174.116. Contri-

1 butions described in this subsection may be used to pay a civil penalty imposed under this chapter,
2 other than a civil penalty imposed for a violation of this section or ORS 260.409; or

3 (C) Except as provided in this subparagraph, used to pay any legal expenses incurred by a
4 treasurer or director of a political committee in any civil, criminal or other legal proceeding or in-
5 vestigation that relates to or arises from the course and scope of the duties of the person as a
6 treasurer or director. Contributions described in this subsection may be used to pay legal expenses
7 incurred by a treasurer or director in connection with a legal proceeding brought under [*this*
8 *chapter*] **ORS chapters 246 to 260**, other than a proceeding brought under this section or ORS
9 260.409.

10 (3)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, amounts received as contributions
11 by a chief petitioner or treasurer of a petition committee [*that are in excess of any amount necessary*
12 *to defray expenditures*] may be:

13 (A) Used to repay to the chief petitioner any loan the proceeds of which were used in con-
14 nection with the initiative, referendum or recall petition;

15 (B) Transferred to any national, state or local political committee of any political party;

16 (C) Contributed to any organization described in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code
17 or to any charitable corporation as defined in ORS 128.620; or

18 (D) Used for any other lawful purpose.

19 (b) Amounts received as contributions by a chief petitioner or treasurer of a petition committee
20 may not be:

21 (A) Converted by any person to any personal use;

22 (B) Except as provided in this subparagraph, used to pay any money award as defined in ORS
23 18.005 included as part of a judgment in a civil or criminal action or any civil penalty imposed by
24 an agency as defined in ORS 183.310 or by a local government as defined in ORS 174.116. Contri-
25 butions described in this subsection may be used to pay a civil penalty imposed under this chapter,
26 other than a civil penalty imposed for a violation of this section or ORS 260.409; or

27 (C) Except as provided in this subparagraph, used to pay any legal expenses incurred by a chief
28 petitioner or the treasurer of a petition committee in any civil, criminal or other legal proceeding
29 or investigation that relates to or arises from the course and scope of the duties of the person as
30 a chief petitioner or treasurer. Contributions described in this subsection may be used to pay legal
31 expenses incurred by a chief petitioner or treasurer in connection with a legal proceeding brought
32 under [*this chapter*] **ORS chapters 246 to 260**, other than a proceeding brought under this section
33 or ORS 260.409.

34 (4) As used in this section:

35 (a) "Contribution" and "expenditure" include a contribution or expenditure to or on behalf of
36 an initiative, referendum or recall petition.

37 (b) "Funds donated" means all funds, including but not limited to gifts, loans, advances, credits
38 or deposits of money that are donated for the purpose of supporting the activities of a holder of
39 public office. "Funds donated" does not mean funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly or
40 another similar public appropriating body or personal funds of the office holder donated to an ac-
41 count containing only those personal funds.

42 (c) "Public office" does not include national or political party office.

43 **SECTION 41.** ORS 260.715 is amended to read:

44 260.715. (1) A person may not knowingly make a false statement, oath or affidavit when a
45 statement, oath or affidavit is required under the election laws.

1 (2) A person may not request a ballot in a name other than the person's own name.

2 (3) A person may not vote or attempt to vote more than once at any election held on the same
3 date.

4 (4) A person may not vote or attempt to vote both in an election held in this state and in an-
5 other state on the same date.

6 (5) A person, except an elections official in performance of duties, may not willfully alter or
7 destroy a ballot cast at an election or the returns of an election.

8 (6) A person may not willfully place a fraudulent ballot among the genuine ballots.

9 (7) A person may not falsely write anything purporting to be written by an elections official in
10 performance of duties on the ballot.

11 (8) A person may not commit theft of a ballot or tally or return sheet, or willfully hinder or
12 delay the delivery of the tally or return sheet to the county clerk, or fraudulently break open a
13 sealed tally or return sheet of the election.

14 (9)(a) A person may not:

15 (A) Manufacture or knowingly use a fraudulent ballot return identification envelope or secrecy
16 envelope; or

17 (B) Sell, **make an offer with the actual intent** to sell, purchase or **make an offer with the**
18 **actual intent** to purchase, for money or other valuable consideration, any official ballot, replace-
19 ment ballot, ballot return identification envelope or secrecy envelope.

20 (b) As used in this subsection, "ballot return identification envelope" and "secrecy envelope"
21 mean those envelopes used to return ballots to the county clerk.

22 **SECTION 42.** ORS 254.529 is amended to read:

23 254.529. (1) At each general election, the county clerk shall conduct a hand count of ballots as
24 described in this section and compare the tally of votes for those ballots produced by a vote tally
25 system with the tally of votes for those ballots produced by the hand count.

26 (2)(a) In the event that the unofficial tally of ballots produced by a vote tally system reveals that
27 the margin of victory between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes in the
28 county is less than one percent of the total votes cast in that election in the county, the county
29 clerk shall conduct a hand count of ballots in at least 10 percent of all precincts or of ballots in
30 at least 10 percent of all batches of ballots collected by the county clerk.

31 (b) In the event that the unofficial tally of ballots reveals that the margin of victory between
32 the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes in the county is greater than or equal to
33 one percent but less than two percent of the total votes cast in the county, the county clerk shall
34 conduct a hand count of ballots in at least five percent of all precincts or of ballots in at least five
35 percent of all batches of ballots collected by the county clerk.

36 (c) In the event that the unofficial tally of ballots reveals that the margin of victory between
37 the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes in the county is greater than or equal to
38 two percent of the total votes cast in the county, the county clerk shall conduct a hand count of
39 ballots in at least three percent of all precincts or of ballots in at least three percent of all batches
40 of ballots collected by the county clerk.

41 (3) **The county clerk shall conduct a hand count of ballots cast in the election contest**
42 **between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes in the county, an election**
43 **contest for an office to be voted on in the state at large and, if possible, an election contest**
44 **for a state measure.** The Secretary of State shall select the precincts **or batches** at random. At
45 the general election[,]:

1 **(a) If selecting precincts**, no fewer than 150 ballots must have been cast in at least one of the
2 precincts selected.

3 **(b) If selecting batches, the number of ballots contained in the batches selected must in**
4 **the aggregate be equal to or greater than:**

5 **(A) Ten percent of the total number of ballots cast in the election for a hand count re-**
6 **quired under subsection (2)(a) of this section.**

7 **(B) Five percent of the total number of ballots cast in the election for a hand count re-**
8 **quired under subsection (2)(b) of this section.**

9 **(C) Three percent of the total number of ballots cast in the election for a hand count**
10 **required under subsection (2)(c) of this section.** *[The county clerk shall conduct a hand count of*
11 *ballots cast in the election contest between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes in*
12 *the county, an election contest for an office to be voted on in the state at large and, if possible, an*
13 *election contest for a state measure.]*

14 (4) Not later than 5 p.m. of the *[third]* **15th** business day after the date of the general election,
15 the Secretary of State shall advise county clerks in writing of:

16 (a) The election contests for which ballots are to be hand counted; and

17 (b) The precincts **or batches** in which ballots are to be hand counted.

18 (5) A county clerk shall begin the hand counts prescribed by this section not later than the
19 *[21st]* **23rd** day after the election and complete the hand counts not later than the 30th day after the
20 election. The results of the hand counts shall be provided to the Secretary of State, who shall make
21 the results publicly available on the Secretary of State's website.

22 (6) A comparison of the tally of votes produced by a vote tally system with the tally of votes
23 produced by the hand count required by this section must show that the tally of votes produced by
24 the vote tally system differs by no more than one-half of one percent from the tally of votes
25 produced by the hand count.

26 (7)(a) If a hand count conducted under this section results in a tally of votes for a candidate or
27 measure that is different from the tally of votes produced by the vote tally system for that candidate
28 or measure, and the difference for each race is equal to or less than one-half of one percent, the
29 tally of votes produced by the vote tally system is the official tally of votes for that vote tally sys-
30 tem.

31 (b) If a hand count conducted under this section results in a tally of votes for a candidate or
32 measure that is different from the tally of votes produced by the vote tally system for that candidate
33 or measure, and the difference in any race is greater than one-half of one percent, the county clerk
34 shall conduct a second hand count of the same ballots.

35 (c) If the second hand count conducted under this subsection results in a tally of votes for a
36 candidate or measure that is different from the tally of votes produced by the vote tally system for
37 that candidate or measure, and the difference for each race is equal to or less than one-half of one
38 percent, the tally of votes produced by the vote tally system is the official tally of votes for that
39 vote tally system.

40 (d) If the second hand count conducted under this subsection results in a tally of votes for a
41 candidate or measure that is different from the tally of votes produced by the vote tally system for
42 that candidate or measure, and the difference in any race is greater than one-half of one percent,
43 the county clerk shall conduct a hand count of all ballots counted by that vote tally system. The
44 hand count is the official tally of votes for that vote tally system. If the hand count is the official
45 tally of votes, not later than the 30th day after the election, the county clerk shall certify amended

1 abstracts of votes to appropriate elections officials.

2 (8) For purposes of conducting the hand counts required under this section, the county clerk
3 shall:

4 (a) Retain custody of the ballots; and

5 (b) Provide for security for the ballots and the information required to be collected under this
6 subsection.

7 (9) This section does not apply:

8 (a) To precincts that are subject to a recount under ORS 258.161, 258.280 or 258.290.

9 (b) If federal law requires a post-election hand count of ballots at the general election to verify
10 election results and the Secretary of State determines that the requirements of federal law are at
11 least as stringent as the requirements of subsections (1) to (8) of this section.

12 **SECTION 43.** ORS 249.008 is amended to read:

13 249.008. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, before a nominating petition,
14 minutes of an assembly of electors[,] or petition by individual electors is offered for filing, the county
15 clerk of each county in which the signatures were secured **or the Secretary of State** shall compare
16 the signatures of electors on the petition or minutes with the signatures of the electors on the
17 elector registration cards. Any petition or minutes submitted for verification under this section shall
18 contain only original signatures. The county clerk **or the secretary** shall attach to the petition or
19 minutes a certificate stating the number of signatures believed to be genuine. The certificate is
20 prima facie evidence of the facts stated in it. A signature not included in the number certified to
21 be genuine shall not be counted by the officer with whom the petition is filed. No signature in vio-
22 lation of the provisions of this chapter shall be counted.

23 (2) If the total number of signatures presented to a county clerk **or the Secretary of State** for
24 verification is 15,000 or more, the county clerk **or secretary** may use a statistical sampling tech-
25 nique authorized by the secretary [*of State*] to verify the signatures. The sample shall be drawn from
26 at least 100 percent of the number of signatures required for nomination.

27 (3) After signatures of electors on a nominating petition, minutes of an assembly of electors or
28 petition by individual electors are submitted for verification, no elector who signed the petition or
29 minutes may remove the signature of the elector from the petition or minutes.

30 **(4) The Secretary of State by rule shall establish procedures for verifying whether a pe-**
31 **tion submitted under this section contains the required number of signatures of electors.**

32 **SECTION 44.** ORS 249.064 is amended to read:

33 249.064. (1) A nominating petition of a candidate seeking the nomination of a major political
34 party shall contain a statement that each elector whose signature appears on the petition is a
35 member of the same major political party as is the candidate.

36 (2) A nominating petition of any candidate shall contain the number of signatures of electors
37 required by ORS 249.068 or 249.072 and the residence or mailing address and name or number of the
38 precinct, if known, of each elector whose signature appears.

39 (3) Pursuant to ORS 249.008, the county clerks **or the Secretary of State** shall certify the
40 signatures contained in the nominating petition for genuineness.

41 **SECTION 45.** ORS 249.078 is amended to read:

42 249.078. (1) The name of a candidate for a major political party nomination for President of the
43 United States shall be printed on the ballot only:

44 (a) By direction of the Secretary of State who in the secretary's sole discretion has determined
45 that the candidate's candidacy is generally advocated or is recognized in national news media; or

1 (b) By nominating petition described in this section and filed with the Secretary of State.

2 (2) A petition nominating a candidate under this section shall contain from each congressional
3 district the signatures of at least 1,000 electors who are registered in the district and who are
4 members of the major political party of the candidate. The electors in each congressional district
5 shall include electors registered in at least five percent of the precincts in each of at least one-
6 fourth of the counties in the congressional district. The petition shall contain the printed name,
7 residence or mailing address and name or number of the precinct, if known, of each elector whose
8 signature appears on the petition. The signatures shall be certified for genuineness by the county
9 clerks **or the Secretary of State** under ORS 249.008.

10 (3) Before circulating the nominating petition, the chief sponsor shall file with the Secretary of
11 State a signed copy of the prospective petition. The chief sponsor shall include with the prospective
12 petition a statement declaring whether one or more persons will be paid money or other valuable
13 consideration for obtaining signatures of electors on the petition. After the prospective petition is
14 filed, the chief sponsor shall notify the Secretary of State not later than the 10th day after the chief
15 sponsor first has knowledge or should have had knowledge that:

16 (a) Any person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement included with the
17 prospective petition declared that no such person would be paid.

18 (b) No person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement included with the pro-
19 spective petition declared that one or more such persons would be paid.

20 **SECTION 46.** ORS 249.735 is amended to read:

21 249.735. (1) An assembly of electors is an organized body:

22 (a) Of not fewer than 1,000 electors of the state for a statewide nomination.

23 (b) Of not fewer than 500 electors of the congressional district for which the nomination for
24 Representative in Congress is made.

25 (c) Of not fewer than 250 electors of the county or any other district for which the nomination
26 is made.

27 (2) An assembly of electors may nominate candidates at a nominating convention. The conven-
28 tion shall be held in one day and last not longer than 12 hours. The signature, printed name and
29 residence or mailing address of each member of the assembly shall be recorded at the convention
30 and entered of record in the minutes by the secretary of the assembly. Not less than the minimum
31 number of electors required to constitute an assembly of electors must have recorded their signa-
32 tures in the minutes of the assembly and must be present when the assembly nominates a candidate.
33 The candidate receiving the highest number of votes of the assembly for the office shall be the
34 nominee of the assembly.

35 (3) Not later than the 10th day before the meeting of an assembly of electors, notice shall be
36 published at least once in not less than three newspapers of general circulation within the electoral
37 district for which the nomination will be made. The notice shall contain the time and place the as-
38 sembly will meet, the office or offices for which nominations will be made, and the names and ad-
39 dresses of not fewer than 25 electors qualified to vote in the assembly who desire that it be held.

40 (4) Proof of publication of notice in subsection (3) of this section shall be made by affidavit of
41 the owner, editor, publisher, manager, advertising manager, principal clerk of any of them, or the
42 printer or printer's foreman of the newspaper in which the notice is published. The affidavit shall
43 show publication and shall be filed with the filing officer with the certificate of nomination.

44 (5) Not later than the 10th day before the meeting of an assembly of electors, a copy of the
45 notice under subsection (3) of this section shall be delivered to the filing officer who will supervise

1 the conduct of the nominating convention.

2 (6) The presiding officer of an assembly of electors shall deliver the signatures of assembly
3 members entered in the minutes to the appropriate county clerks of the counties in which the as-
4 sembly members live **or to the Secretary of State if the Secretary of State is designated as the**
5 **filing officer under ORS 249.035**. The signatures shall be certified by the appropriate county clerk
6 **or by the Secretary of State** under ORS 249.008. A copy of the minutes, certified by the secretary
7 of the assembly, and the certificate of the county clerk **or the Secretary of State** shall be filed
8 [*with the filing officer*] with the certificate of nomination.

9 (7) If the assembly of electors designates a committee to whom the assembly delegated the au-
10 thority to fill vacancies as provided in ORS 249.842, a notice containing the names of the members
11 of the committee shall be delivered to the filing officer with the certificate of nomination.

12 **SECTION 47.** ORS 249.740 is amended to read:

13 249.740. (1) A certificate of nomination made by individual electors shall contain a number of
14 signatures of electors in the electoral district equal to not less than one percent of the total votes
15 cast in the electoral district for which the nomination is intended to be made, for all candidates for
16 presidential electors at the last general election.

17 (2) Each elector signing a certificate of nomination made by individual electors shall include the
18 residence or mailing address of the elector. Except for a certificate of nomination of candidates for
19 electors of President and Vice President of the United States, a certificate of nomination made by
20 individual electors shall contain the name of only one candidate.

21 (3) Before beginning to circulate the certificate of nomination, the chief sponsor of the certif-
22 icate shall file a signed copy of the prospective certificate with the filing officer referred to in ORS
23 249.722. The chief sponsor of the certificate shall include with the prospective certificate a state-
24 ment declaring whether one or more persons will be paid money or other valuable consideration for
25 obtaining signatures of electors on the certificate. After the prospective certificate is filed, the chief
26 sponsor shall notify the filing officer not later than the 10th day after the chief sponsor first has
27 knowledge or should have had knowledge that:

28 (a) Any person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement included with the
29 prospective certificate declared that no such person would be paid.

30 (b) No person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement included with the pro-
31 spective certificate declared that one or more such persons would be paid.

32 (4) The circulator shall certify on each signature sheet that the circulator:

33 (a) Witnessed the signing of the signature sheet by each individual whose signature appears on
34 the signature sheet; and

35 (b) Believes each individual is an elector registered in the electoral district.

36 (5) The signatures contained in each certificate of nomination made by individual electors shall
37 be certified for genuineness by the county clerk **or the Secretary of State** under ORS 249.008.

38 (6) As used in this section, "prospective certificate" means the information, except signatures
39 and other identification of certificate signers, required to be contained in a completed certificate
40 of nomination.

41 **SECTION 48.** ORS 249.005 is amended to read:

42 249.005. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 249.008 and 249.875, a petition or minutes for which original
43 signatures are otherwise required may be accepted by the county clerk **or the Secretary of State**
44 for signature verification, or by another filing officer in the case of a recall petition, with photo-
45 graphic copies of one or more signature sheets if:

1 (a) The signature sheets containing the original signatures were stolen or destroyed by fire, a
2 natural disaster or other act of God; and

3 (b) The photographic copy of each original signature sheet contains the number of the original
4 signature sheet prescribed by the Secretary of State under ORS 249.009.

5 (2) As used in this section, “act of God” means an unanticipated grave natural disaster or other
6 natural phenomenon of an exceptional, inevitable and irresistible character, the effects of which
7 could not have been prevented or avoided by the exercise of due care or foresight.

8 **SECTION 49.** ORS 254.431 is amended to read:

9 254.431. (1) If a ballot is challenged because it is returned in an unsigned return identification
10 envelope or because the signature of an elector on a return identification envelope does not match
11 the signature in the voter registration record for the elector, the county clerk shall mail to the
12 elector a notice that describes the nature of the challenge. The Secretary of State shall design a
13 standard form to be used in all notifications sent by county clerks under this subsection.

14 (2)(a) In order for the vote of the elector to be counted, the elector must provide evidence suf-
15 ficient to disprove the challenge not later than the 14th calendar day after the date of the election.
16 **In the case of an unsigned return identification envelope, providing sufficient evidence may**
17 **include completing a certified statement on a form provided by the county clerk. The Sec-**
18 **retary of State shall design a standard form to be used for certified statements made under**
19 **this paragraph.**

20 (b) If the elector does not provide evidence sufficient to disprove a challenge alleging that the
21 signature of the elector on a return identification envelope does not match the signature in the
22 voter registration record for the elector by the 14th calendar day after the date of the election, the
23 registration of the elector shall be considered inactive.

24 (3)(a) The filing officer may not release as a public record any information that could be used
25 to identify an elector whose ballot has been challenged under this section until the eighth calendar
26 day after the date of an election.

27 (b) Following the seventh calendar day after the date of an election, the filing officer may dis-
28 close as a public record under ORS 192.410 to 192.505 the following information about each elector
29 whose ballot was challenged under this section:

30 (A) The name of the elector;

31 (B) The residence addresses of the elector; and

32 (C) The reason the elector’s ballot is being challenged.

33 (4) As used in this section, “filing officer” means:

34 (a) The Secretary of State, for federal or statewide elections and for elections to the office of
35 state Senator or Representative; or

36 (b) The county clerk, for county, city or district elections.

37 **SECTION 50.** ORS 254.470 is amended to read:

38 254.470. (1) The Secretary of State by rule shall establish requirements and criteria for the
39 designation of places of deposit for the ballots cast in an election. The rules shall also specify the
40 dates and times the places of deposit must be open and the security requirements for the places of
41 deposit. At a minimum, the places designated under this section shall be open on the date of the
42 election for a period of eight or more hours, but must be open until at least 8 p.m. At each place
43 of deposit designated under this section, the county clerk shall prominently display a sign stating
44 that the location is an official ballot drop site.

45 (2)(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection, the county clerk shall mail

1 by nonforwardable mail an official ballot with a return identification envelope and a secrecy envel-
2 ope not sooner than the 20th day before the date of an election and not later than the 14th day
3 before the date of the election, to each active elector of the electoral district as of the 21st day
4 before the date of the election.

5 (b) If the county clerk determines that an active elector of the electoral district as of the 21st
6 day before the date of the election does not receive daily mail service from the United States Postal
7 Service, the county clerk shall mail by nonforwardable mail an official ballot with a return iden-
8 tification envelope and a secrecy envelope to the elector not sooner than the 20th day before the
9 date of an election and not later than the 18th day before the date of the election.

10 (c) In the case of ballots to be mailed to addresses outside this state to electors who are not
11 military or overseas electors, the county clerk may mail the ballots not sooner than the 29th day
12 before the date of the election.

13 (3) For an election held on the date of a primary election:

14 (a) The county clerk shall mail the official ballot of a major political party to each elector who
15 is registered as being affiliated with the major political party as of the 21st day before the date of
16 the election.

17 (b) The county clerk shall mail the official ballot of a major political party to an elector not
18 affiliated with any political party if the elector has applied for the ballot as provided in this sub-
19 section and that party has provided under ORS 254.365 for a primary election that admits electors
20 not affiliated with any political party.

21 (c) An elector not affiliated with any political party who wishes to vote in the primary election
22 of a major political party shall apply to the county clerk in writing. The application shall indicate
23 which major political party ballot the elector wishes to receive. Except for electors described in
24 subsection (4) of this section, and subject to ORS 247.203, the application must be received by the
25 county clerk not later than 5 p.m. of the 21st day before the date of the election.

26 (d) If the primary election ballot includes city, county or nonpartisan offices or measures, the
27 county clerk shall mail to each elector who is not eligible to vote for party candidates a ballot
28 limited to those offices and measures for which the elector is eligible to vote.

29 (4) For each elector who updates a voter registration after the deadline in ORS 247.025, the
30 county clerk shall make the official ballot, the return identification envelope and the secrecy en-
31 velope available either by mail or at the county clerk's office or at another place designated by the
32 county clerk. An elector to whom this subsection applies must request a ballot from the county
33 clerk.

34 (5) The ballot shall contain the following warning:
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37 Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any
38 particular manner or to refrain from voting is subject to a fine.
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41 (6)(a) Upon receipt of any ballot described in this section, the elector shall mark the ballot, sign
42 the return identification envelope supplied with the ballot and comply with the instructions provided
43 with the ballot.

44 (b) The elector may return the marked ballot to the county clerk by United States mail or by
45 depositing the ballot at the office of the county clerk, at any place of deposit designated by the

1 county clerk or at any location described in ORS 254.472 or 254.474.

2 (c) The ballot must be returned in the return identification envelope. If the elector returns the
3 ballot by mail, the elector must provide the postage.

4 (d) Subject to paragraph (e) of this subsection, if a person returns a ballot for an elector, the
5 person shall deposit the ballot in a manner described in paragraph (b) of this subsection not later
6 than two days after receiving the ballot.

7 (e) A ballot must be received at the office of the county clerk, at the designated place of deposit
8 or at any location described in ORS 254.472 or 254.474 not later than the end of the period deter-
9 mined under subsection (1) of this section on the date of the election.

10 (7) An elector may obtain a replacement ballot if the ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not
11 received by the elector. Replacement ballots shall be issued and processed as described in this
12 section and ORS 254.480. The county clerk shall keep a record of each replacement ballot provided
13 under this subsection. Notwithstanding any deadline for mailing ballots in subsection (2) of this
14 section, a replacement ballot may be mailed, made available in the office of the county clerk or made
15 available at one central location in the electoral district in which the election is conducted. The
16 county clerk shall designate the central location. A replacement ballot need not be mailed after the
17 fifth day before the date of the election.

18 (8) A ballot shall be counted only if:

19 (a) It is returned in the return identification envelope;

20 (b) The envelope is signed by the elector to whom the ballot is issued, **unless a certified**
21 **statement is submitted under ORS 254.431**; and

22 (c) The signature is verified as provided in subsection (9) of this section.

23 (9) The county clerk shall verify the signature of each elector on the return identification en-
24 velope with the signature on the elector's registration record, according to the procedure provided
25 by rules adopted by the Secretary of State. If the county clerk determines that an elector to whom
26 a replacement ballot has been issued has voted more than once, the county clerk shall count only
27 one ballot cast by that elector.

28 (10) At 8 p.m. on election day, electors who are at the county clerk's office, a place of deposit
29 designated under subsection (1) of this section or any location described in ORS 254.472 or 254.474
30 and who are in line waiting to vote or deposit a voted ballot shall be considered to have begun the
31 act of voting.

32 **SECTION 51.** ORS 249.002 is amended to read:

33 249.002. As used in this chapter:

34 (1) "Candidate" means an individual whose name is or is expected to be printed on the official
35 ballot **or a write-in candidate**.

36 (2) "County clerk" means the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections.

37 (3) "Elector" means an individual qualified to vote under section 2, Article II, Oregon Consti-
38 tution.

39 (4) "Judge" means judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, circuit court or the Oregon
40 Tax Court, or any county judge who exercises judicial functions.

41 (5) "Member" means an individual who is registered as being affiliated with the political party.

42 (6) "Minor political party" means a political party that has qualified as a minor political party
43 under ORS 248.008.

44 (7) "Nonpartisan office" means the office of judge, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and
45 Industries, any elected office of a metropolitan service district under ORS chapter 268, justice of the

1 peace, county clerk, county assessor, county surveyor, county treasurer, sheriff, district attorney or
2 any office designated nonpartisan by a home rule charter.

3 (8) "Prospective petition" means the information, except signatures and other identification of
4 petition signers, required to be contained in a completed petition.

5 (9) "Public office" means any national, state, county, city or district office or position, except
6 a political party office, filled by the electors.

7 (10) "State office" means Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General,
8 Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, judge, state Senator, state Representative or
9 district attorney.

10 **SECTION 52.** ORS 249.865 is amended to read:

11 249.865. (1) Pursuant to section 18, Article II of the Oregon Constitution, an elector of the
12 electoral district from which the public officer is elected may file a petition demanding the recall
13 of the public officer. Before the petition is circulated for signatures, the chief petitioner of the pe-
14 tition shall file with the officer authorized to order the recall election a copy of the prospective
15 petition signed by the chief petitioner.

16 (2) The chief petitioner shall include with the prospective petition a statement declaring whether
17 one or more persons will be paid money or other valuable consideration for obtaining signatures of
18 electors on the recall petition. After the prospective petition is filed, the chief petitioner shall notify
19 the filing officer not later than the 10th day after the chief petitioner first has knowledge or should
20 have had knowledge that:

21 (a) Any person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement included with the
22 prospective petition declared that no such person would be paid.

23 (b) No person is being paid for obtaining signatures, when the statement included with the pro-
24 spective petition declared that one or more such persons would be paid.

25 (3) Each sheet of the recall petition must contain:

26 (a) The words "Petition for recall of," (name and title of officer) and the date of the filing under
27 subsection (1) of this section; and

28 (b) The name and address of the treasurer or the chief petitioner listed on the statement of or-
29 ganization filed under **ORS 260.118** [*subsection (1) of this section*].

30 (4) Not more than 20 signatures on each sheet of the recall petition shall be counted. The
31 circulator shall certify on each signature sheet that the circulator:

32 (a) Witnessed the signing of the signature sheet by each individual whose signature appears on
33 the signature sheet; and

34 (b) Believes each individual is an elector.

35 (5) Any intentional or willful violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section by a chief petitioner
36 of the recall petition or by the treasurer listed on the statement of organization filed under **ORS**
37 **260.118** [*subsection (1) of this section*] invalidates the prospective petition before it is circulated for
38 signatures.

39 **SECTION 53.** ORS 253.575 is amended to read:

40 253.575. (1) Upon receipt of an application made under ORS 253.565, if the applicant's residence
41 is in the county, the county clerk, without regard to whether the applicant is an elector of the
42 county, shall mail to the applicant a special ballot, instructions for filling in and returning the ballot
43 and an envelope to use for the return. The [*name, official title and*] office address of the clerk shall
44 appear on the front of the envelope. On the back shall appear a statement to be signed by the absent
45 elector, stating that the elector:

1 (a) Is qualified to vote; **and**

2 (b) Unless prevented by physical disability, has personally marked the ballot[; *and*].

3 [*(c) Has not unnecessarily exhibited the marked ballot to any other person.*]

4 (2) The completed and signed application submitted under ORS 253.565 shall constitute a valid
5 registration for the elector.

6 (3) If the county clerk receives an application for a special ballot on or after the 45th day before
7 the election specified in the application, the county clerk shall treat the application as an applica-
8 tion made under ORS 253.540.

9 (4) A military or overseas elector may obtain a replacement ballot if the ballot is destroyed,
10 spoiled, lost or not received by the elector. The county clerk shall keep a record of each replace-
11 ment ballot provided under this subsection.

12 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, a replacement ballot may be mailed or shall
13 be made available in the office of the county clerk.

14 (6) If the county clerk determines that a military or overseas elector to whom a replacement
15 ballot has been issued at the request of the elector has voted more than once, the county clerk shall
16 not count any ballot cast by the elector. If the county clerk is required to reissue ballots due to a
17 change on the ballot for any reason, that ballot shall be counted in lieu of any previous ballot issued
18 unless:

19 (a) Only the original ballot was voted and returned; or

20 (b) The county clerk issued a supplemental ballot that is not a complete replacement of the or-
21 iginal ballot.

22 **SECTION 54.** ORS 260.118 is amended to read:

23 260.118. (1) The chief petitioners of an initiative, referendum or recall petition shall appoint a
24 treasurer. The treasurer shall be an elector of this state. Contributions shall be received and
25 expenditures made by or through the treasurer.

26 (2) The treasurer shall file a statement of organization of a petition committee with the appro-
27 priate filing officer. The treasurer shall file the statement not later than the third business day after
28 a chief petitioner or the treasurer receives a contribution or makes an expenditure relating to the
29 initiative, referendum or recall petition. The statement shall include:

30 (a) The name and address of the chief petitioners.

31 (b) The name and address of the treasurer appointed under subsection (1) of this section.

32 (c) A designation of the initiative, referendum or recall petition. The designation of the recall
33 petition shall include the name of the officer whose recall is demanded.

34 (d) The name of the financial institution in which the petition account required under ORS
35 260.054 is established, the name of the account, the name of the account holder and the names of
36 all individuals who have signature authority for the account. The Secretary of State may not dis-
37 close information received by the secretary under this paragraph except as necessary for purposes
38 of enforcing the provisions of ORS chapters 246 to 260.

39 (3) If there is a change in the information submitted in a statement of organization under sub-
40 section (2) of this section, the treasurer shall file an amended statement of organization not later
41 than the 10th day after the change in information.

42 (4) The treasurer of an initiative, referendum or recall petition committee shall use the elec-
43 tronic filing system adopted under ORS 260.057 to file with the Secretary of State statements of
44 contributions received and expenditures made by the petition committee, as described in ORS
45 260.083.

1 (5) The treasurer of an initiative petition committee shall file a statement described in sub-
2 section (4) of this section not later than seven calendar days after a contribution is received or an
3 expenditure is made. This subsection applies to contributions received and expenditures made:

4 (a) During the period beginning on the 42nd calendar day before the date that is four months
5 before a general election and ending on the date that is four months before a general election; and

6 (b) During the period beginning on the 42nd calendar day before the date of any primary
7 election and ending on the date of the primary election and the period beginning on the 42nd cal-
8 endar day before the date of any general election and ending on the date of the general election.

9 (6) The treasurer of a referendum petition committee or a recall petition committee shall file a
10 statement described in subsection (4) of this section not later than seven calendar days after a
11 contribution is received or an expenditure is made. This subsection applies:

12 (a) For a referendum petition committee, to contributions received and expenditures made during
13 the period beginning on the date the treasurer is appointed under subsection (1) of this section and
14 ending on the deadline for submitting signatures for verification; and

15 (b) For a recall petition committee, to contributions received and expenditures made during the
16 period beginning on the day *[after the date on which the statement of contributions received and*
17 *expenditures made that is required]* **on which the recall petition is filed** under ORS 249.865 *[is*
18 *filed]* and ending on the deadline for submitting signatures for verification.

19 (7) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, during a period not described in sub-
20 section (5) or (6) of this section, a treasurer of an initiative, referendum or recall petition committee
21 shall file a statement described in subsection (4) of this section not later than 30 calendar days after
22 a contribution is received or an expenditure is made.

23 (8) If a treasurer of an initiative petition committee receives a contribution or makes an ex-
24 penditure prior to the 42nd calendar day before the date that is four months before a general
25 election, or the 42nd day before the date of the primary election or general election, and the treas-
26 urer has not filed a statement of the contribution or expenditure under subsection (4) of this section
27 by the 43rd calendar day before the date that is four months before a general election, or the 43rd
28 day before the date of the primary election or general election, the treasurer shall file a statement
29 described in subsection (4) of this section not later than the 35th calendar day before the date that
30 is four months before a general election, or the 35th day before the date of the primary election or
31 general election.

32 (9) For an initiative petition committee, the accounting period for the first statement filed under
33 this section begins on the date the treasurer is appointed under subsection (1) of this section.

34 (10) Each statement required under this section shall be signed and certified as true by the
35 treasurer. Signatures shall be supplied in the manner specified by the secretary by rule.

36 (11) Subsections (4) to (10) of this section do not apply to petition committees that file certif-
37 icates under ORS 260.112.

38 (12) As used in this section, “contribution” and “expenditure” include a contribution or ex-
39 penditure to or on behalf of an initiative, referendum or recall petition.

40 **SECTION 55. ORS 247.435 is repealed.**

41 **SECTION 56. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**
42 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**