

Senate Bill 827

Sponsored by Senator TAYLOR

SUMMARY

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

Requires Secretary of State to submit to Legislative Assembly, by November 1 of each odd-numbered year, list of each prospective statewide initiative petition that has been filed for upcoming general election. Requires submission to include text, ballot title and total number of signatures gathered for each prospective initiative. Requires secretary to provide updates during first week of December, January and February.

Requires nonpartisan legislative staff to provide to legislative leadership impartial analysis of policy, fiscal and revenue impacts and legality for each prospective initiative submitted by secretary.

Requires legislative leadership to use information from nonpartisan staff to determine whether state would benefit from holding public hearings on one or more prospective initiatives during even-year session.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to ballot measures.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 250.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "prospective petition" means a prospective peti-**
6 **tion for a state measure to be initiated that, if sufficient signatures are collected, would be**
7 **approved or rejected by the people at the next general election.**

8 **(2) Not later than November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State shall**
9 **submit to the Legislative Assembly:**

10 **(a) A list of each prospective petition; and**

11 **(b) For each prospective petition, the text, ballot title and total number of signatures the**
12 **chief petitioner, or agent on behalf of the chief petitioner, has filed with the Secretary of**
13 **State as of the submission date.**

14 **(3) The Secretary of State shall provide the Legislative Assembly with updates of the in-**
15 **formation submitted under subsection (2) of this section during the first week of the De-**
16 **cember, January and February that immediately follow a submission made under subsection**
17 **(2) of this section.**

18 **(4) For each prospective petition submitted to the Legislative Assembly under subsection**
19 **(2) or (3) of this section:**

20 **(a) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide an impartial summary that**
21 **describes the policy impacts if the prospective petition is enacted into law;**

22 **(b) The Legislative Fiscal Officer shall conduct an impartial analysis of the fiscal impact**
23 **to the state if the prospective petition is enacted into law;**

24 **(c) The Legislative Revenue Officer shall conduct an impartial analysis of the revenue**
25 **impact to the state if the prospective petition is enacted into law; and**

26 **(d) The Legislative Counsel shall conduct an impartial analysis to determine if any con-**
27 **stitutional or other legal concerns would be raised if the prospective petition is enacted into**

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 **law.**

2 **(5) The President and majority and minority leaders of the Senate and Speaker and ma-**
3 **majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives shall use the analyses provided**
4 **under subsection (4) of this section to determine whether the state would benefit from**
5 **holding public hearings on one or more of the prospective petitions submitted under sub-**
6 **section (2) or (3) of this section during the even-numbered year regular session of the Leg-**
7 **islative Assembly following the submission of the prospective petitions.**

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