

HB 3073 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds residence address of an elector who is candidate for or holder of elected office to information about an elector that is not subject to inspection as a public record and may not be disclosed by Secretary of State (SOS) or county clerk. Prohibits SOS or county clerk from disclosing residence address provided on nominating petition or declaration of candidacy or certificate of nomination. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under Oregon law, any person may request a list of registered voters. The list may include a registered voter's name, party affiliation, residence or mailing address, and precinct name or number. A registered voter's birth month and day, Social Security number, driver license number, and signature are exempt from disclosure by the Secretary of State (SOS) and county clerk. Individuals whose personal or family safety may be in danger if their residential address is available for public inspection may register to vote with confidentiality protections by applying for the Address Confidentiality Program.

Major political parties nominate candidates for partisan office at the primary election. Candidates may file for office by submitting a declaration of candidacy and paying the filing fee or by submitting a completed nominating petition containing the required number of signatures. A minor political party, assembly of electors, or individual electors may nominate one candidate for each partisan public office to be filled at the general election by preparing and filing a certificate of nomination as provided in ORS 249.712 to 249.850.

House Bill 3073 prohibits SOS or county clerks from disclosing as a public record or including on the lists of registered voters the residence address of an elector who is candidate for or holder of elected office.