

Senate Bill 578

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Sets the dates by which a candidate must file a picture or statement to be included in a county voters' pamphlet. Becomes law 91 days after the session ends. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.6).

Establishes the dates by which a candidate or the candidate's agent must file a portrait and statement for purposes of being included in a county voters' pamphlet.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to filing deadlines for county voters' pamphlets; amending ORS 251.335; and prescribing an
3 effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 251.335 is amended to read:

6 251.335. (1) As used in this section, "district" has the meaning given that term in ORS 255.012.

7 (2) [*Not later than the date specified by the Secretary of State,*] Any candidate for nomination or
8 election to county, city or special district office within the county, or an agent of the candidate,
9 may file with the county clerk of a county that prepares a county voters' pamphlet a portrait of the
10 candidate and a typewritten statement of the reasons the candidate should be elected. The portrait
11 and statement must comply with the applicable rules of the Secretary of State.

12 (3)(a) **A candidate or agent of the candidate may file a portrait and statement described**
13 **in subsection (2) of this section not sooner than the 120th day and not later than the 68th**
14 **day before the primary election.**

15 (b) **A candidate or agent of the candidate may file a portrait and statement described in**
16 **subsection (2) of this section not sooner than the 120th day and not later than the 70th day**
17 **before the general election.**

18 (c) **The Secretary of State shall establish by rule the date by which a candidate or agent**
19 **of the candidate may file a portrait and statement described in subsection (2) of this section**
20 **for an election to fill a vacancy or an election other than a primary or general election.**

21 [(3)] (4) The county clerk may not accept the filing of a statement or portrait of any candidate
22 unless the filing is accompanied by the appropriate fee described in ORS 251.325.

23 [(4)] (5) At the bottom of each allotted space of the county voters' pamphlet containing a por-
24 trait and statement filed by a candidate, the county clerk shall include:

25 (a) A statement identifying the person who furnished the portrait and statement; and

26 (b) A disclaimer in boldfaced type in substantially the following form:
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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 The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

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4 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
5 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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