## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Rules

MEASURE: CARRIER:

<b>REVENUE:</b> No revenue impact
<b>FISCAL:</b> Fiscal statement issued

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Action:		Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed	
Vote:		6 - 0 - 2	
	Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Jenson, Read, Roblan	
	Nays:	0	
	Exc.:	Gelser, Nolan	
Prepared By:		Jerry Watson, Administrator	
Meeting Dates:		3/9, 4/29, 5/4	

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Secretary of state to verify location of the residence of a candidate for state office where the property indicated by address information is located less than 100 radial yards from district boundary. Requires Legislative Administration Committee to make available to the secretary any mapping software and hardware used by the Legislative Assembly for redistricting to aid in address verification. Applies to elections held after November 2010.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Prior situation where candidate without allegation of fault was discovered not to reside in district only after deadline for replacing candidate on ballot
- Address verification and existence of situations where district boundaries include only a portion of property parcel
- · Meaning of residence "verification" required by measure
- Possible use of GIS-based mapping systems to address issue
- Provisions of amendment

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 249.004 allows a filing officer to verify the validity of the contents of documents filed with that officer under the provisions of ORS chapter 249. HB 2667 adds a requirement that the Secretary of State verify the residence of each candidate for state office. Proponents assert that HB 2667-A is a response to a situation where, after the deadline for replacing a candidate on the ballot, a candidate for public office was determined not to reside within the boundaries of the district for which that person was a candidate.