

Senate Bill 155

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SUMMARY

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Requires statements and arguments to be filed electronically with Secretary of State.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the voters' pamphlet; amending ORS 251.065, 251.115 and 251.255.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 251.065 is amended to read:

5 251.065. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, not later than the 68th day
6 before the primary election, a candidate or agent on behalf of the candidate for nomination or
7 election at the primary election to the office of President or Vice President of the United States,
8 United States Senator, Representative in Congress or a state office as defined in ORS 249.002 may
9 file with the Secretary of State a portrait of the candidate and a statement of the reasons the can-
10 didate should be nominated or elected. A candidate or agent on behalf of the candidate for nomi-
11 nation or election to a county or city office, or to an elected office of a metropolitan service district
12 organized under ORS chapter 268, may file a portrait and statement under this subsection if per-
13 mitted 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 later than the 70th day before the general election, a candidate or agent on behalf of
17 the candidate for election at the general election to the office of President or Vice President of the
18 United States, United States Senator, Representative in Congress or a state office as defined in ORS
19 249.002 may file with the Secretary of State a portrait of the candidate and a statement of the rea-
20 sons the candidate should be elected. A candidate or agent on behalf of the candidate for election
21 to a county or city office, or to an elected office of a metropolitan service district organized under
22 ORS chapter 268, may file a portrait and statement under this subsection if permitted under ORS
23 251.067.

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)(a) A portrait and statement filed for a candidate for nomination or election to a state office as*
28 *defined in ORS 249.002 may be filed electronically with the Secretary of State.]*

29 *[(b) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, a portrait and statement filed electron-*
30 *ically under this subsection may be filed with the secretary:]*

31 *[(A) Not later than the 64th day before the primary election;]*

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 *[(B) Not later than the 68th day before the general election; or]*

2 *[(C) In the event of a vacancy described in ORS 249.037 (2), not later than the 63rd day before the*
3 *primary election.]*

4 *[(c) Notwithstanding ORS 251.145, materials filed electronically under this subsection are exempt*
5 *from public inspection until the fourth business day after the final date for filing materials set forth in*
6 *subsections (1) and (2) of this section.]*

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

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

11 (6)[(a)] A portrait or statement filed under this section [*shall*] **must** be accompanied by a tele-
12 phone or electronic facsimile transmission machine number where the candidate may be contacted
13 for purposes of ORS 251.087.

14 *[(b) A statement filed under this section must be printed or typewritten.]*

15 **SECTION 2.** ORS 251.115 is amended to read:

16 251.115. (1) Not later than the 70th day before the general election, the party officers as desig-
17 nated in the organizational documents of any statewide political party or assembly of electors hav-
18 ing nominated candidates may file with the Secretary of State a statement of arguments for the
19 success of its principles and election of its candidates on a statewide basis and opposing the prin-
20 ciples and candidates of other political parties or organizations on a statewide basis.

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

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

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

32 (c) The signatures on a petition submitted under this subsection shall be certified by the county
33 clerk in the manner provided in ORS 249.008 or by the Secretary of State. The petition shall be filed
34 with the Secretary of State.

35 *[(4)(a) A statement of arguments filed under this section must be printed or typewritten.]*

36 *[(b) A statement of arguments filed by a statewide political party or assembly of electors may be*
37 *filed electronically.]*

38 **(4) A statement of arguments filed under this section must be filed using an electronic**
39 **filing system designated by the Secretary of State under ORS 251.014.**

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

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

1 **SECTION 3.** ORS 251.255 is amended to read:

2 251.255. (1) Not later than the 70th day before a general election or the 68th day before a special
3 election held on the date of any primary election at which a state measure is to be voted upon, any
4 person may file with the Secretary of State an argument supporting or opposing the measure.

5 (2) A person filing an argument under this section shall pay a fee of \$1,200 to the Secretary of
6 State when the argument is filed or may submit a petition in a form prescribed by the Secretary of
7 State containing the signatures of 500 electors. Each person signing the petition shall subscribe to
8 a statement that the person has read and agrees with the argument. The signatures on each petition
9 shall be certified by the county clerk in the manner provided in ORS 249.008. The petition shall be
10 filed with the Secretary of State.

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

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

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