

SB 761 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires elector who wishes to sign electronic version of petition signature sheet to personally print sheet. Directs Secretary of State, upon determining that elector has signed sheet printed by another person, to stop accepting electronic sheets submitted after date of violation. Takes effect January 1, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 250.052 (6) requires the Secretary of State to prepare an official electronic template of a signature sheet for each state initiative, referendum and recall petition. This statutory subsection requires that the sheet allow space for the signature of one elector and authorizes an elector to print out the sheet, sign it and deliver it to the chief petitioner or the chief petitioner's agent.

Senate Bill 761 prohibits signing an electronic signature sheet printed by another person. When a violation of this prohibition occurs, the bill requires the Secretary of State to stop making electronic sheets available for that petition, post the date of the violation on the Secretary's website and stop accepting electronic sheets submitted after the date of the violation.