

# House Bill 3207

Sponsored by Representative CATE; Representatives BOSHART DAVIS, WRIGHT (at the request of Angelita Sanchez)

## 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**.

Requires Secretary of State to establish electronic filing system to allow candidates for nomination or election to county, city or special district office within county to file portrait and statement electronically with secretary if candidate cannot have portrait and statement printed in county voters' pamphlet.

Requires secretary to post candidate portrait and statements on website.

Requires county to include in county voters' pamphlet list of all offices whose candidates may post portraits and statements on Secretary of State's website and website address where portraits and statements will be posted.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to candidate filings.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 251.305 to**  
4 **251.435.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1)(a) The Secretary of State by rule shall adopt an electronic filing system**  
6 **to allow a candidate for nomination or election to county, city or special district office within**  
7 **a county to file a portrait and statement electronically using the Internet.**

8 **(b) A candidate described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may file a portrait and**  
9 **statement under this section only if the candidate has been informed by the relevant county**  
10 **clerk that the candidate cannot file a portrait and statement for inclusion in a county voters'**  
11 **pamphlet under ORS 251.335.**

12 **(2) A portrait and statement that is filed under this section must be:**

13 **(a) Filed no later than the date specified by the Secretary of State by rule for filing a**  
14 **portrait and statement under ORS 251.335;**

15 **(b) In a format that complies with applicable rules of the Secretary of State under ORS**  
16 **251.335; and**

17 **(c) Accompanied by the appropriate fee described in ORS 251.325.**

18 **(3) The Secretary of State shall post on the secretary's website any portrait and state-**  
19 **ment that is filed in accordance with the requirements of this section. The portraits and**  
20 **statements shall be organized by county and office in a manner determined by the secretary**  
21 **by rule. Below each portrait and statement filed by a candidate, the secretary shall include:**

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

23 **(b) A disclaimer in boldfaced type in substantially the following form:**  
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27 **The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the Secretary of State.**

**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.

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**(4) Each county that prepares a county voters' pamphlet and in which reside one or more candidates who qualify under subsection (1) of this section to file a portrait and statement under this section shall include in the county voters' pamphlet:**

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**(a) A list of each county, city or special district office within the county whose candidates are eligible to submit a portrait and statement under this section; and**

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**(b) The website address where the Secretary of State is posting candidate portraits and statements filed under this section.**

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