

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 28 - B

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Measure Description:

Establishes a joint legislative committee to prepare and file with the Secretary of State the ballot title and explanatory statement for any Act or proposed constitutional amendment that is referred to voters by the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly during the 2023 regular session. Provides for expedited judicial review by the Oregon Supreme Court of any such ballot title or explanatory statement, if a timely petition is filed with the court.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Secretary of State, Department of Justice, Judicial Department, Legislative Assembly, County Clerks

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate, though anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 28 B-engrossed establishes a joint legislative committee that is to prepare and file with the Secretary of State the ballot title and explanatory statement for any Act or proposed constitutional amendment that is referred to voters for their approval or rejection by the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly during the 2023 regular session.

For any such Act or proposed constitutional amendment that is referred to voters, the Secretary of State must print in the voters' pamphlet the measure number, ballot title, measure text, financial estimate, explanatory statement, and arguments relating to the measure. The Secretary of State must prepare and deliver to each county clerk the measure number, ballot title, financial estimate, and a certified statement for any such measure. County clerks must print on the ballot the measure number, financial estimate, and ballot title for any such measure.

The measure provides for expedited review by the Oregon Supreme Court of any such ballot title or explanatory statement, if a timely petition is filed with the court. The measure takes effect on passage.

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate, though anticipated to be minimal. The impact to the affected state and local governments depends on whether any Act or proposed constitutional amendment is referred to voters. If no such Act or proposed constitutional amendment is referred to voters, then there is no fiscal impact. If any such Act or proposed constitutional amendment were referred to voters, then the requirements of this measure would take effect. Although this measure does not specify when any such Act or proposed constitutional amendment is to be referred to voters, this fiscal impact statement assumes that any such Act or proposed constitutional amendment would be referred to voters for their approval or rejection at the November 2024 general election, and therefore, would only marginally increase the printing and postage costs for voters' pamphlets and mail-in ballots.

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Secretary of State, Department of Justice, Judicial Department, Legislative Assembly, and county clerks.