

# Senate Bill 12

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER; Representatives DIEHL, LEVY B (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act does not allow the SOS to mark certain judge candidates as incumbent. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.7).

Prohibits the designation of incumbent for any candidate for specified judgeships who was appointed and is seeking election in the first election since that appointment.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to designation of incumbent for certain judicial candidates; amending ORS 254.085.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 254.085 is amended to read:

5 254.085. (1) The Secretary of State, not later than the 61st day before the date of a primary or  
6 general election, shall file with each county clerk a statement of the federal and state offices to be  
7 filled or for which candidates are to be nominated in the county at the election, information con-  
8 cerning all candidates for the offices, and the state measures to be voted on.

9 (2)(a) **Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection**, the information concerning  
10 candidates for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court and circuit court shall in-  
11 clude a designation of incumbent for each candidate who is the regularly elected [*or appointed*] judge  
12 of the court to which the candidate seeks election. If a candidate was regularly elected [*or*  
13 *appointed*] to a specific position or department on the court, the candidate shall be designated as the  
14 incumbent only if the person is a candidate for that position or department.

15 (b) **For any candidate for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court or**  
16 **circuit court who was appointed and is seeking election in the first election since being ap-**  
17 **pointed, the designation of incumbent may not be included in the information concerning**  
18 **candidates for that candidate.**

19 (3) Included with each state measure shall be the measure number, the latest ballot title certi-  
20 fied by the Attorney General under ORS 250.067 (2) or, if the Supreme Court has reviewed the title  
21 under ORS 250.085, the title certified by the court and the financial estimates under ORS 250.125.  
22 The Secretary of State shall keep a copy of the statement.  
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**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.