

Enrolled
Senate Bill 578

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (at the request of Kim Schmith) (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to filing deadlines for county voters' pamphlets; amending ORS 251.335; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 251.335 is amended to read:

251.335. (1) As used in this section, "district" has the meaning given that term in ORS 255.012.

(2) *[Not later than the date specified by the Secretary of State,]* Any candidate for nomination or election to county, city or special district office within the county, or an agent of the candidate, may file with the county clerk of a county that prepares a county voters' pamphlet a portrait of the candidate and a typewritten statement of the reasons the candidate should be elected. The portrait and statement must comply with the applicable rules of the Secretary of State.

(3)(a) A candidate or agent of the candidate may file a portrait and statement described in subsection (2) of this section not sooner than the 120th day and not later than the 68th day before the primary election.

(b) A candidate or agent of the candidate may file a portrait and statement described in subsection (2) of this section not sooner than the 120th day and not later than the 70th day before the general election.

(c) The Secretary of State shall establish by rule the date by which a candidate or agent of the candidate may file a portrait and statement described in subsection (2) of this section for an election to fill a vacancy or an election other than a primary or general election.

~~[(3)]~~ (4) The county clerk may not accept the filing of a statement or portrait of any candidate unless the filing is accompanied by the appropriate fee described in ORS 251.325.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) At the bottom of each allotted space of the county voters' pamphlet containing a portrait and statement filed by a candidate, the county clerk shall include:

- (a) A statement identifying the person who furnished the portrait and statement; and
- (b) A disclaimer in boldfaced type in substantially the following form:

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

SECTION 2. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

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