#### **CHAPTER 32: ELECTIONS**

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## § 32.01 ADOPTION AND PURPOSE.

In order for a county or local measure to be included in the State Voters Pamphlet, it must comply with ORS 251.285(2).

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# § 32.02 BALLOT TITLES AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS; FILING REQUIREMENTS; DECISION TO INCLUDE; PREPARATION.

- (A) The county or local service district shall file a measure, ballot title, explanatory statement and arguments with the Secretary of State not later than the 70th day before a general election or the 68th day before a special election.
- (B) The decision to include the county or local measure, ballot title, explanatory statement and arguments in the State Voters Pamphlet shall be made by:
- (1) The county governing body for a county measure;
- (2) The council of a local service district with regard to any local district measure;
- (3) The chief petitioners of the initiative or referendum with regard to a county or local district measure initiated or referred by the people.

(4) A political committee, as defined in ORS 260.005, that opposes a county or local service district measure.

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## § 32.03 APPEAL PROCEDURE; FILING OF PETITION.

- (A) Any person dissatisfied with the ballot title or explanatory statement filed with the Chief of Elections pursuant to this chapter may petition the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county seeking a different title or statement and stating the reasons the title or statement filed with the Chief of Elections is insufficient, not concise, or unfair.
- (B) Any petition filed pursuant to division (A) challenging a ballot title must be filed not later than the 20th day after the title has been filed with the Chief of Elections. Any petition challenging an explanatory statement must be filed not later the 10th day after the explanatory statement has been filed with the Chief of Elections.
- (C) The review by the Circuit Court shall be the first and final review. At the conclusion of its review, the court shall certify to the Chief of Elections a title for the measure or explanatory statement which meets the requirements of ORS 251.285(2)(a) and (b).

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# § 32.04 ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE.

- (A) No later than 75 days before the election, any person may file with the Chief of Elections for inclusion in the voter's pamphlet, argument either for or against the measure. Any argument so submitted shall be in the form and content required in ORS Chapter 251 for arguments for or against statewide ballot measures.
- (B) At the time of filing the argument the person filing shall either pay a fee of \$300 or file

a petition containing more than a number of signatures equal to 1,000 electors eligible to vote on the measure or 10% of the total of such electors, whichever is less.

(C) Arguments filed under this section shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State for inclusion in the voter's pamphlet only in the event the county measure ballot title and explanatory statement also qualify for inclusion according to the terms of this chapter and state law.

(Ord. 87-14, passed 12-16-87)

## § 32.05 DUTIES OF CHIEF OF ELECTIONS.

No later than 70 days before the election, the Chief of Elections shall issue an explanatory statement and arguments with the Secretary of State. The county shall pay to the Secretary of State the cost of including the county material in the voter's pamphlet as determined by the Secretary of State. (Ord. 87-14, passed 12-16-87)

## § 32.06 JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Judicial review of county and local service district measures shall be first and finally in Umatilla County Circuit Court. A petition for judicial review must be filed not later than the seventh business day after a measure is filed with the county elections division. The procedure for judicial review shall comply with ORS 250.195 or 250.296.

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