



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 165

**SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTIONS DIVISION**

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ARCHIVES DIVISION SECRETARY OF STATE

FILING CAPTION: Outlines process for committee re-organization

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 11/16/2026 5:00 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 10/19/2026

TIME: 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

OFFICER: Russell Buttram

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Passcode: HA7jr3vD

NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

This rule is needed to outline the requirements for committee re-organization created HB 4018 (2026) and HB 4024 (2024). This rule outlines how the Elections Division plans to require filers to reorganize and any associated rules

applicable dependent on committee type. Failing to understand or know applicable processes and deadlines could lead to significant monetary penalties for the affected stakeholder.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

HB 4024 (2024) and 4018 (2026) available online or from the Elections Division.

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE:

This rule promotes racial equity by protecting against implicit bias and ensuring that the same guidelines and procedures apply consistently to all regulated stakeholders.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

This proposed rule imposes existing deadlines for filing and amending Statements of Organization unless otherwise provided by HB 4018 (2026) and HB 4024 (2024). The requirement to reorganize and comply with new laws is required by statute, but the reorganization process itself as outlined in this rule and consequences of failing to comply could result in civil penalties.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) The proposed rule will create an economic impact on the state Elections Division and on regulated entities. The Elections Division anticipates needing to answer questions and assisting regulated stakeholders in understanding and complying with the new requirements in a timely manner. Regulated entities required to comply with this rule could incur civil penalties if they fail to comply with the reorganization process outlined in this rule.

(2)(a)-(c) These rules regulate persons using the Elections Division's online filing system and engaging in campaign finance activities. While small businesses may be involved in providing services to regulated entities, they typically pass incurred costs on to their clients, the regulated entities. As such, these rules do not regulate small businesses as a class. Further, the costs they would incur and pass on to the regulated entity is dependent on the specific facts of their unique choices and circumstances and cannot be readily determined.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses were not involved in the development of these rules because these rules do not directly affect small businesses as a class.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

The Elections Division sought feedback from a RAC when developing rules to implement HB 4024 (2024). These rules are a continuation of that effort and another RAC was not convened.

ADOPT: 165-012-0820

RULE SUMMARY: This rule describes the process for committees to reorganize from the current range of committee types to those allowed by HB 4018 (2026). The rule describes several categories for reorganization based on committee type in the regulatory framework and intended committee type in the new regulatory framework.

CHANGES TO RULE:

165-012-0820

Political Committee Reorganization and New Filer Registration

(1) The purpose of this rule is to specify the process by which political committees will reorganize to comply with HB 4024 (2024), Section 24 and HB 4018 (2026), Section 8. This rule also specifies the time at which new filers may register in the Oregon Elections System for Tracking and Reporting (ORESTAR).¶

(2) Candidate committees, petition committees, recall committees, and measure committees are not required to organize under this rule.¶

(3) Beginning on January 1, 2027, the agency will begin accepting Statements of Organization filings from filers required to re-organize their political action committee.¶

(a) Except as provided in (4) and (5) of this rule, all filers registered in ORESTAR and required to re-organize must amend their Statement of Organization to comply with HB 4018, Section 6, and the Campaign Finance Manual effective January 1, 2027, no later than January 11, 2027. Filers that fail to bring their registration into compliance by the deadline may be subject to a civil penalty for filing a late amendment to the Statement of Organization.¶

(b) Caucus Committees and Political Party Committees registered in ORESTAR that do not meet the definition of a Legislative Caucus Political Committee or a Political Party Multicandidate Committee, respectively, under HB 4018 and the Campaign Finance Manual effective January 1, 2027, may not solicit and receive contributions or make expenditures after December 31, 2026. Committees under this subsection may discontinue their committee not later than December 31, 2026, or re-organize as another type of political action committee no later than January 11, 2027. Committees under this subsection that remain organized as a Legislative Caucus Political Committee or a Political Party Committees on January 12, 2027, will be reorganized by the agency as a Multicandidate Political Committee. The treasurer of a committee re-organized by the agency on January 12, 2027, may be subject to a civil penalty for failing to amend the Statement of Organization in a timely manner.¶

(c) Political Action Committees in existence prior to January 1, 2027, may reorganize as a Small Donor Political Committee by March 31, 2027, if they have met certain conditions for the duration of the 24 months immediately preceding their reorganization including the requirement that 90% or more of the total contributions received by the Political Action Committee were from:¶

(A) Individual contributors; and¶

(B) Not more than \$250 per individual contributor per calendar year.¶

(d) Miscellaneous Political Action Committees may reorganize into any political committee type operative on January 1, 2027, as long as they meet any applicable requirements of the new committee type.¶

(A) Miscellaneous Political Action Committees that remain organized as such are subject to Multicandidate Political Action Committee limits effective January 1, 2027, and may not contribute to other committees until it reorganizes into an authorized contributor.¶

(B) If the committee reorganizes itself to a different political action committee type prior to March 31, 2027, it is retroactively subject to the amended committee type limits effective January 1, 2027.¶

(C) Political Action Committees that remain organized as a Miscellaneous Political Committee on March 31, 2027, will be reorganized by the agency as a Multicandidate Political Committee.¶

(e) A Political Action Committee that was re-organized under (3)(d)(C) of this rule will have a single opportunity to reorganize as a Measure Political Committee. To be eligible for reorganization under this subsection, the treasurer of a re-organized committee must amend the committee's Statement of Organization using paper form SEL 221 in accordance with ORS 260.042 and the Campaign Finance Manual effective January 1, 2027, to indicate that they intend to operate as a Measure Committee under this subsection not later than June 30, 2027.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 246.150, Section 24, Chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, Section 8, Chapter 139, Oregon Laws 2026

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 260.042, Section 24, Chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, Section 8, Chapter 139, Oregon Laws 2026