



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: Repeals rule establishing timelines for the referrals to the November 3, 2020, General Election

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 10/21/2026 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: 10/16/2026

TIME: 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

OFFICER: Russell Buttram

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

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

PHONE NUMBER: 503-446-4951

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Passcode: 6MW3fi6X

NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

This rule established certain timelines and deadlines for the 2020 general election and is no longer needed.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

SB 116 (2019), SJR 18 (2019), and HB 2270 (2019), all available on the Oregon Legislature's website or from the Secretary of State, Elections Division.

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

This rule promoted racial equity by protecting against implicit bias and ensuring that the same guidelines and procedures applied consistently to all impacted persons.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The proposed repeal is not expected to create a fiscal or economic impact on any person because it proposes to repeal a rule that ceased to apply after the 2020 general election.

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) & (2)(a)-(c) There is no anticipated cost of compliance for any state agency, unit of local government, members of the public, or small businesses.

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

Small businesses were not involved in the repeal of this rule because this rule does not directly affect small businesses.

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

An Administrative Rule Advisory Committee was not involved because there are no anticipated fiscal impacts related to the repeal of this rule.

REPEAL: 165-007-2020

RULE SUMMARY: This rule was adopted to provide a timeline for the legislative referral of SJR 18 and HB 2270 to the statewide general election on November 3, 2020, as directed in SB 116. The rule addressed timelines for the filing of the ballot title, explanatory statements, and subsequent related deadlines. Since these timelines occurred in the past, this rule is no longer needed.

CHANGES TO RULE:

~~165-007-2020~~

~~Timelines for the referrals to the November 3, 2020, General Election.~~

~~(1) When a document is to be filed with the Secretary of State, Elections Division under this rule, the document must be delivered to, and actually received in its entirety, in the office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division, not later than 5:00 p.m. on the designated filing deadline date.¶¶~~

~~(2) The following timeline is adopted for the legislative referral of SJR 18 and HB 2270 to the statewide General Election on November 3, 2020, as directed in SB 116:¶¶~~

~~(a) February 27, 2020: Last day for joint legislative committee to designate a person to file the explanatory statement and provide the Elections Division with the ORESTAR account user name, first and last name, and contact information for that person.¶¶~~

~~(b) March 12, 2020:¶¶~~

~~(A) Last day for joint legislative committee to file final explanatory statement with the Secretary.¶¶~~

~~(B) Last day for joint legislative committee to file final ballot title with the Secretary.¶¶~~

~~(c) March 19, 2020: Last day for an elector dissatisfied with the explanatory statement, or ballot title to petition the Oregon Supreme Court for a different explanatory statement, or ballot title.¶¶~~

~~(d) August 4, 2020: Last day for court ordered changes to ballot title, and/or explanatory statement to be filed with the Secretary, or if the Supreme Court refers the ballot title to the Attorney General for modification, it is the deadline for the Attorney General to file the modified ballot title with the Secretary of State.¶¶~~

~~(e) August 25, 2020:¶¶~~

~~(A) Last day to file measure arguments to be included in the state voters' pamphlet.¶¶~~

~~(B) Last day for Legislative Assembly to submit arguments in support of the measure, as provided in ORS 251.245.¶¶~~

~~(f) August 31, 2020: Measure arguments become available for public inspection (ORS 251.145).¶¶~~

~~(g) September 3, 2020: Secretary of State certifies the ballot to the county election officials.~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 246.150, ORS 254.465, SB 116 (2019)~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: SB 116 (2019), SJR 18 (2019), HB 2270 (2019)~~