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**TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & JUSTIFICATION

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FILING CAPTION: Establishes filing process and deadline for Measure 120 arguments and statements.

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**NEED FOR THE RULE(S):**

This administrative rule is needed to comply with the requirements of SB 1599 which requires the Secretary of State to promulgate rules establishing the deadlines for measure argument filings and any racial and ethnic impact statement. This rule will provide the public with information needed to comply with applicable laws, rules, and deadlines governing this process and will allow the Secretary of State to obtain and maintain uniformity in the application and operation of the State Voters' Pamphlet filing, production, and translation process.

**JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:**

SB 1599 contains an emergency clause and was signed into law by the Governor on March 2, 2026. The filing deadline for State Voters' Pamphlet filings is March 12, 2026, giving filers approximately nine days to file measure arguments. Failure to promulgate this rule will result in serious prejudice to the public interest because without it, filers will not have the information needed to comply with applicable laws, rules, and deadlines governing the measure argument and racial and ethnic impact statement process for Measure 120. Without this rule, the Secretary of State could not ensure uniformity in the application and operation of the voters' pamphlet filing, production, and translation process.

**DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:**

SB 1599 (2026) available online at [www.oregonlegislature.gov](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov) or from the Agency; State Voters' Pamphlet Manual revised 1/2026, available at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or from the Agency.

ADOPT: 165-016-9901

RULE SUMMARY: Pursuant to SB 1599 (2026), this administrative rule establishes the procedures and deadlines for filing measure arguments for Measure 120. This rule also establishes the deadline for filing any racial and ethnic impact statement, conducting a public hearing, and certifying the statement.

CHANGES TO RULE:

[165-016-9901](#)

## Filing Process and Deadlines for Measure 120 Arguments and Statements

(1) Unless otherwise specified in Senate Bill 1599 (SB 1599) (2026), the Secretary of State designates the State Voters' Pamphlet Manual, revised 1/2026 and associated forms as the procedures and forms to be used to submit arguments for and against Measure 120, filer submitted translations allowed by statute, explanatory statements, financial estimates and statements, and statements prepared by the Legislative Counsel Committee under ORS 251.225. The State Voters' Pamphlet Manual is adopted by OAR 165-016-0000.

(2)(a) To obtain and maintain uniformity in the application and operation of the State Voters' Pamphlet filing, production, and translation process, the Secretary of State establishes March 12, 2026, at 5:00:00 p.m. as the deadline for filing arguments and statements outlined in section 1 of this administrative rule.

(b) The filing must be accompanied by the required filing fee or a completed voters' pamphlet petition having the required number of signatures in lieu of the filing fee.

(A) If filing by fee, the filing fee must be paid and received not later than 5:00:00 p.m. on March 12, 2026.

(B) If filing by petition in lieu of the filing fee, the petition must be filed and the signatures verified by the Secretary of State not later than 5:00:00 p.m. on March 12, 2026. The measure argument filer must ensure the petition is filed with sufficient time for the Secretary of State to verify the signatures prior to the filing deadline. The Secretary of State will verify petition signatures in the order received by filers.

(3) The joint legislative committee responsible for preparing the explanatory statement and financial estimate of the measure must supply written notification to the Elections Division of the ORESTAR account username, first and last name and contact information for the person chosen to file the statements electronically. Notification of designated filers must be delivered to the Elections Division via email to ORESTAR-support.sos@sos.oregon.gov not later than 5:00:00 p.m. on March 11, 2026.

(4) The following deadlines will apply if a member of the Legislative Assembly from each major political party requests the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to prepare a racial and ethnic impact statement for Measure 120.

(a) The racial and ethnic impact statement must be filed with the Secretary of State no later than March 6, 2026 at 5:00:00 p.m.

(b) The Secretary of State will begin accepting written suggestions and any other information from members of the public on the date the racial and ethnic impact statement is filed. Those written comments must be delivered to the Elections Division via email to ORESTAR-support.sos@sos.oregon.gov or elections.sos@sos.oregon.gov.

(c) The Secretary of State will hold a hearing in Salem and accept written and oral suggestions and any other information from members of the public until the conclusion of the hearing. The hearing will be held on March 10, 2026.

(d) The commission may file a revised statement with the Secretary of State not later than March 12, 2026, at 5:00:00 p.m.

(e) The Secretary of State will certify the statement not later than March 13, 2026.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 246.150, ORS 251.014, ORS 251.055, ORS 251.167, ORS 251.170, ORS 251.255, SB 1599 (2026)

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 251.026, ORS 251.046, ORS 251.167, ORS 251.170, ORS 251.185, ORS 251.255, SB 1599 (2026), OAR 165-016-0000