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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: Corrected: Updating Candidate and Political Party Manuals reflecting 2028 election dates and current filing requirements

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 12/02/2026 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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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

This corrected filing replaces the attachment to the rule and provides additional content on pages 10-12. The rule is

needed to designate the current Candidate and Political Party Manuals. The proposed amendments update the manuals for the 2028 election cycle and reflect current statutory requirements. The State Candidate Manual will no longer include election-cycle-specific deadlines and certain requirements that may change between election cycles. Instead, current filing deadlines and applicable signature requirements will be maintained on the Secretary of State's website. This will keep the manual focused on procedures, qualifications, and other information that generally remains applicable between election cycles, while making current deadlines and requirements easier to update and find.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 247 to 260, as applicable and OAR Chapter 165, Division 10 available online or from the Elections Division.

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

The proposed rules establish and update administrative information regarding candidate filing, political party requirements, and election procedures. The Secretary of State does not anticipate that the proposed amendments will disproportionately affect any racial or ethnic group or create an impact based on race or ethnicity.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The Secretary of State does not anticipate a significant fiscal or economic impact from the proposed rules. The amendments primarily update existing manuals and election-cycle information and do not establish new fees or substantive requirements that would result in significant costs to state agencies, local governments, candidates, political parties, or the public. Moving election-cycle-specific deadlines and signature requirements from the adopted State Candidate Manual to a webpage is expected to make those requirements easier to maintain and access without materially changing existing requirements.

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) State agencies, local governments, and members of the public: The Secretary of State does not anticipate additional compliance costs for state agencies, units of local government, or members of the public as a result of the proposed rules. County, city, and district filing officers will continue to perform their existing election administration responsibilities. Candidates and political parties will continue to comply with existing statutory and administrative requirements.

(2) Effect on small businesses:
(a) The Secretary of State does not anticipate that any small businesses will be subject to the proposed rules. The rules primarily apply to candidates, political parties, filing officers, and election administration activities.
(b) The proposed rules do not create new reporting, recordkeeping, or administrative activities for small businesses. (c) The Secretary of State does not anticipate costs for professional services, equipment, supplies, labor, or increased administration for small businesses as a result of the proposed rules.

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 the proposed amendments do not impose requirements on small businesses or materially affect small business operations.

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

A Rules Advisory Committee was not involved because the proposed amendments primarily update existing manuals, election-cycle dates, and statutory references. The amendments do not establish significant new policy requirements or impose new compliance obligations. The proposed changes to the State Candidate Manual primarily reorganize information so that election-cycle-specific deadlines and signature requirements can be maintained separately from the evergreen procedural and statutory information in the manual.

AMEND: 165-010-0005

RULE SUMMARY: The proposed amendments update the Candidate and Political Party Manuals for the 2028 election cycle. The State Candidate Manual will remove election-cycle-specific filing dates, withdrawal deadlines, and certain signature requirements and direct candidates to current information on the Secretary of State's website. The County, City and District Candidate Manual and Political Party Manual will be updated with 2028 election dates and other current requirements.

CHANGES TO RULE:

165-010-0005
Designating the Candidate and Political Party Manuals and Forms ¶

(1) The Secretary of State designates the State Candidate Manual revised ~~1~~0101/202~~5~~7 and associated forms as the procedures and forms to be used by candidates filing and running for a federal or state office as that term is defined in ORS 249.002(10).¶
(2) The Secretary of State designates the County, City, and District Candidate Manual revised ~~1~~0101/202~~5~~7 and associated forms as the procedures and forms to be used by candidates filing and running for elected office in a county, city, or district.¶
(3) The Secretary of State designates the Political Party Manual revised ~~1~~0101/202~~5~~7 and associated forms as the procedures and forms to be used to form a minor political party and nominate candidates for elective office. This manual also includes information on qualifying as a major political party and a party's obligation to file organizational documents.
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 246.150, ORS 248.008, ORS 249.0~~31, ORS 249.19~~09, ORS 249.~~200~~021, ORS 249.~~009~~190, ORS 249.20~~5~~0, ORS 249.~~7~~205, ORS 249.722, ORS 249.842, ORS 251.012, ORS 251.014, ~~ORS 260.345, ORS 246.150,~~ ORS 251.065, ORS 251.255, ORS 254.548~~, HB 4019 (2024), ORS 249.021, HB 4024 (2024)~~
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 188.120, ORS 248.00~~8~~6, ORS 24~~9~~8.00~~9~~8, ORS 24~~9.2~~8.015, ORS 24~~9~~8.0~~3~~17, ORS 24~~9~~8.04~~6~~23, ORS 24~~9.1~~8.370, ORS 249.~~180, Oregon Constitution, Article IV, Section 15~~002, ORS 249.009, ORS 249.021, ORS 249.~~740~~037, ORS 249.~~865~~046, ORS 249.~~875~~170, ORS 24~~8.015~~9.180, ORS 24~~8.023~~9.190, ORS 2~~54.548~~49.200, ORS 2~~55~~49.2~~9~~05, ORS 2~~55.345, Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act, HB 4019 (2024)~~49.215, ORS 249.722, ORS 24~~8.37~~9.740, ORS 249.~~021~~842, ORS 249.~~002~~865, ORS 24~~8.017, HB 4024 (2024)~~9.875, ORS 254.548, ORS 255.295, ORS 255.345, HB ~~3908~~4024 (202~~4~~), ~~SB 166 (2025)~~Oregon Constitution, Article IV, Section 15, SB ~~952~~166 (2025)

RULE ATTACHMENTS MAY NOT SHOW CHANGES. PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY REGARDING CHANGES.

NOTE: Attachments referenced are attached to this document. You may view the attachment 165-010-0005.pdf from the Attachments panel. Alternately, you may view the attachments at the following link:
https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewAttachment.action?ruleVrsnRsn=340669