



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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July 14, 2004

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The Office of the Secretary of State received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on July 14, 2004, for initiative petition #4, proposing a statutory amendment, for the General Election of November 7, 2006.

The draft ballot title is as follows:

**MAKES STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES NONPARTISAN: STATE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE CANDIDATES NOMINATED WITHOUT REGARD
TO PARTY AFFILIATION**

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote requires candidates for office of state senator and office of state representative to run as non-partisan candidates in primary elections and general elections.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote retains current system under which offices of state senator and state representative are partisan; political parties' nominated candidates appear on general election ballot.

SUMMARY: The offices of state senator and state representative are currently partisan offices. Major political party members currently nominate legislative candidates at primary elections; the major party nominees and those candidates who are nominated by minor parties or who are running without a party affiliation appear on the general election ballot. Measure makes the offices of state senator and state representative nonpartisan offices: candidates for the offices of state senator and state representative run as non-partisan candidates in the primary election; the candidate at the primary election who receives a majority of votes cast for the office advances to the general election. If there is no candidate who receives a majority of votes, then the top two vote-getters advance to the general election. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): Charlie Ringo, 919 NW 162nd Terrace, Beaverton, OR 97006.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141, State Capitol for \$1.00. Written requests for copies with your remittance of \$1.00 prepaid, should be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722.

There now follows an appeal period of 10 business days during which any member of the public may submit written comments which address the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet to the Secretary of State's office. This period ends July 28, 2004. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

The Secretary of State will deliver all written comments to the Attorney General. If comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10th business day after receiving the comments from the Secretary of State. If no comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the fifth business day after the deadline for submitting comments.

In addition, during this ballot title comment period, the Secretary of State will also seek statements from interested persons regarding whether or not a proposed initiative petition complies with procedural constitutional requirements for submission of proposed initiative petitions. The Secretary will consider the information provided in the statements received from interested persons. If you wish to comment, this period ends July 28, 2004. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

Any elector who is dissatisfied with the ballot title certified by the Attorney General, and who timely submitted written comments which addressed the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet, may petition the Oregon Supreme Court seeking a different title. This appeal must be filed not later than the 10th business day after the Attorney General certifies a ballot title to the Secretary of State.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2006 general election ballot is 75,630. These signatures must be filed in this office not later than July 7, 2006.



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
APPELLATE DIVISION

July 14, 2004

John Lindback
Director, Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
141 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

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BILL MONTGOMERY
SECRETARY OF STATE

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Makes State Legislative Offices Nonpartisan: State
Legislative Office Candidates Nominated Without Regard To Party Affiliation
DOJ File #BT-04-04; Elections Division #4

Dear Mr. Lindback:

We have prepared and hereby provide to you a draft ballot title for the above-referenced prospective initiative petition. The proposed measure relates to making state legislative offices nonpartisan.

Written comments from the public are due to you within ten business days after your receipt of this draft title. A copy of all written comments provided to you should be forwarded to this office immediately thereafter.

A copy of the draft ballot title is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Misty Kintz
Legal Secretary

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Enclosure

c: Peter Shepherd, Deputy Attorney General
Don Arnold, General Counsel Division
Lynn Rosik, General Counsel Division

Charlie Ringo
919 NW 162nd Terrace
Beaverton, Oregon 97006

DRAFT BALLOT TITLE

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