



## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

### NEWS RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release:**  
June 19, 2007

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The Office of the Secretary of State received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on June 19, 2007, for initiative petition #99, proposing a constitutional amendment, for the General Election of November 4, 2008.

The draft ballot title is as follows:

**AMENDS CONSTITUTION: DECLARES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
MEMBERS INELIGIBLE FOR PUBLICLY-FUNDED PENSION/RETIREMENT  
BENEFITS BY VIRTUE OF SERVICE**

**RESULT OF "YES" VOTE:** "Yes" vote declares that Legislative Assembly members are ineligible for publicly-funded pension or retirement benefits by virtue of their service in the Legislative Assembly.

**RESULT OF "NO" VOTE:** "No" vote retains existing law, which allows persons appointed or elected as members of Legislative Assembly to participate in certain publicly-funded retirement benefit plans.

**SUMMARY:** Amends constitution. Current law allows persons appointed or elected to Legislative Assembly to participate in certain publicly-funded retirement benefit plans. Measure declares Legislative Assembly members ineligible for publicly-funded pension or retirement benefits by virtue of Legislative Assembly service. Defines "publicly-funded pension benefits" as "retirement benefits payable by the Oregon Public Employees retirement System or other program funded in whole or part by the state or local government, but not benefits payable under any federal program." Measure does not affect benefits earned by service in Legislative Assembly prior to measure's effective date. Allows Legislative Assembly members holding office on effective date of measure to accrue benefits for remainder of existing term of office, but not for any subsequent terms in office. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): Nicholas J. Urhausen, 2858 Warren ST, Eugene, OR 97405.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141, State Capitol for \$.25. 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 a comment 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 3, 2007. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3, 2007. 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 10<sup>th</sup> business day after the Attorney General certifies a ballot title to the Secretary of State.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2008 general election ballot is 110,358. These signatures shall be filed in this office not later than July 3, 2008.

HARDY MYERS  
Attorney General



PETER D. SHEPHERD  
Deputy Attorney General

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
APPELLATE DIVISION

June 19, 2007

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

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DAN BRADBURY  
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Amends Constitution: Declares Legislative Assembly Members Ineligible For Publicly-Funded Pension/Retirement Benefits By Virtue Of Service  
DOJ File #BT-99-07; Elections Division #99

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 declaring legislative assembly members ineligible for publicly-funded pension/retirement benefits by virtue of service.

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

SJG:mlk/APPA8725

Enclosure

c: Peter Shepherd, Deputy Attorney General  
Don Arnold, General Counsel Division  
Steve Wolf, General Counsel Division

Nicholas J. Urhausen  
2858 Warren Street  
Eugene, Oregon 97405

**DRAFT BALLOT TITLE**

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