

Election Timelines for February 3, 2004 Special Election

- (1) This rule implements HB 2825 (2003) by adopting timelines for a special state election to be held on February 3, 2004 if all or part of HB 2152 is referred to the people by petition under section 1(3)(b), Article IV of the Oregon Constitution.
- (2) When a filing deadline is indicated in 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 pm on the designated filing deadline date.
- (3) The deadlines related to the drafting of ballot titles for any referendum petition filed to refer HB 2152 are as follows.
 - (a) Written comments concerning the draft ballot title prepared by the Attorney General shall be filed not later than the 10th business day after the Secretary of State receives the draft title from the Attorney General.
 - (b) The Attorney General shall file the certified title not later than the 20th business day after receiving the comments from the Secretary of State.
- (4) The deadlines related to the drafting of financial estimates for any referendum petition filed to refer HB 2152 are as follows:
 - (a) The officials named in ORS 250.125 shall file the estimate described in ORS 250.125 not later than October 15, 2003.
 - (b) The public hearing on the draft estimate shall be conducted not later than October 31, 2003.
 - (c) The officials shall file their revised estimate, if any, not later than November 7, 2003.
 - (d) The Secretary of State shall certify the final estimate, if at least three officials concur, not later than November 7, 2003.
 - (e) The Secretary of State shall prepare, file and certify the estimate not later than November 11, 2003 if two or more officials do not approve the estimate.
- (5) The deadlines related to the drafting of explanatory statements for any referendum petition filed to refer HB 2152 are as follows:
 - (a) The chief petitioner or chief petitioners of the referendum petition shall appoint two proponents as members of the explanatory statement committee not later than October 3, 2002.
 - (b) The Secretary of State shall appoint two opponents to the committee not later than October 7, 2003.
 - (c) The four-committee members shall select a fifth member and notify the Secretary of State in writing of the selection not later than October 14, 2003.
 - (d) If the four committee members do not notify the Secretary of their selection by the deadline, the Secretary of State shall appoint a fifth member not later than October 17, 2003.
 - (e) The explanatory statement committee shall file its draft statement not later than October 24, 2003.
 - (f) The public hearing on the draft explanatory statement shall be held not later than October 31, 2003.
 - (g) The explanatory statement committee shall file its revised statement not later than November 7, 2003.
 - (h) The Legislative Counsel Committee shall file an explanatory statement not later than October 24, 2003.
- (6) The timelines for the conduct of the election, if one or more petitions to refer all or part of HB 2152 qualify for the ballot, are as follows. This assumes that one or more petitions are completed, filed for signature verification not later than November 25, 2003 (90 days after sine die on August 27, 2003), and qualify to appear on the February 3, 2004 special election ballot.
 - (a) The Secretary of State will deliver, by the most expeditious means practicable, a certified statement of the measure or measures to refer HB 2152 that have qualified for the ballot, to county elections officials not later than December 9, 2003.
 - (b) Voters' pamphlet arguments relating to the measure or measures must be filed not later than December 12, 2003.
 - (c) County elections officials shall mail ballots to long term absent electors (military and overseas) not later than December 20, 2003.
 - (d) County elections officials shall mail ballots to out of state electors not later than January 5, 2004.
 - (e) County election officials shall mail ballots to all other electors between January 16 and January 20, 2004.
 - (f) The Secretary of State will distribute the voters' pamphlet not later than January 23, 2004.