Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet Instructions

Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument Filing Options:

1. **Fees –** based on size of jurisdiction in county as of January 1 of election year.
   - **$100 –** Jurisdiction with **less than 1,000 eligible voters** in County.
   - **$200 –** Jurisdiction with **1,000 - 4,999 eligible voters** in County.
   - **$250 –** Jurisdiction with **5,000 - 9,999 eligible voters** in County.
   - **$350 –** Jurisdiction with **10,000 - 24,999 eligible voters** in County.
   - **$400 –** Jurisdiction with **25,000 or more eligible voters** in County.

- OR -

2. **Petition** – A petition may be filed in lieu of paying the filing fee. Please contact your County Elections official for details on beginning the process of filing a Prospective Petition. The petition shall contain 1,000 signatures or the signatures of at least four percent of the electors in the county eligible to vote on the measure to which the argument refers, whichever is less. For the petition method to be valid the approved and completed petition must be verified and certified by the County Elections office prior to the filing deadline.

General Instructions

1. A typewritten and signed 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' along with the appropriate filing fee (or certified petition) must be filed with the County Elections office no later than 5 pm on the filing deadline. Postmarks do not count. No measure argument will be listed in the County Voters' Pamphlet unless the fee or certified petition and the 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' are filed. **Any filings received or are unsigned after 5 pm on the deadline will be rejected.**
2. Each county produces its' own individual County Voters' Pamphlet. If the Measures jurisdiction or district is located in more than one county a separate 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' must be filed and the fee paid or certified petition submitted to each county where the argument is to be printed.
3. **The combined count must not exceed 325 words/numbers. If the argument exceeds 325 words/numbers it will be edited by the County Elections office.**
4. An 'Amended Statement' may be submitted until 5 pm on the filing deadline. If an argument is amended a new completed 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' form must be submitted signed and the "Amended" box must be marked. This 'Amended Statement' and form can be faxed or a scanned copy e-mailed to the county elections office, but it must be received by 5 pm on the filing deadline.
   No additional fee or certified petition is required.

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1. Submit signed 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' with the 'Argument Statement' completed on a standard 8 ½" x 11" white paper attached to the VP-03 signed form. 'Argument Statement' is to be submitted typewritten.
2. **In addition** to filing the signed original of the 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet', **it is recommended that the 'Measure Argument' filer e-mail the electronic text of the 'Measure Argument' to the County Elections office. The electronic text must mirror the submitted print version exactly.**
3. The person(s) furnishing the information must sign the statement.
4. The statement must consist of words/numbers only; charts or graphics may not be used (other than bullet points).
5. The total word count **must not exceed 325 words/numbers. Please hand-count your statement to ensure that your word count does not exceed the325 maximum word/number count.**

6. Generally, anything with a white space around it counts as a word. If the word is hyphenated and the word is listed in a dictionary as one word that can be used either with or without a hyphen, it will count as one word. All other hyphenated words will count as more than one word.
7. Standard formatting attributes, such as boldface, all caps, centering, underlining, bulleted and numbered lists may be used. Italics can only be used when citing the source of published material. Any other italic used will be changed to plain text. Bullets do not count towards the word count.
8. The County Elections office will not correct errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar or syntax. No corrections to these errors will be allowed after the filing deadline. **Please proof your submission before filing.**
9. If the material in the statement violates the provisions of ORS 251.415, the material in violation will be rejected. If possible, the County Elections office will notify the person(s) furnishing the information of the rejection.

VP-02 EnŘorsemŜnt Statement - Authorization for use of name or organization as part of the 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

1. If the name of a person and/or title or organization is used as part of the 'Measure Argument in the Voters' Pamphlet', a signed 'VP-02 Endorsement Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' form **must be filed no later than 5 pm on the filing deadline.** Please see the VP-02 form for more information.
2. Any name (other than the person(s)/organization who furnished the information) listed on the 'Measure Argument' filing form without a submitted signed VP-02 form or one not filed by 5 pm on the filing deadline will be removed per ORS 251.405.

Quotes from previously published sources

1. Quotes from published sources may be used. The quotation must have been disseminated to the public prior to its inclusion and the source and publication date must be provided. If this quote, from a previously published source is used, no endorsement form is necessary. The quote, source and date will all count towards the 325 maximum word count.
2. Quotes from websites can be used, but must include the date and website address as part of the argument. It is recommended that a printed copy from the website be maintained for your records from the date you are referencing in your argument statement.
3. Italics should only be used when citing the source of a quote from a published source. Example of quotes: "*The Oregonian*, 06/21/2011" or from Mayor Smith's website*, www.mayor-smith.com* 06/21/2011 or "In the latest edition of the *NW Times*, the paper said this about me '… that Joe Smith is the best person for the job.'" *NW Times*, 02/04/2014.

Contact Information

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Filing Information

Election: ☐ Primary 20_____ ☐ General 20_____ ☐ Special_____

☐ Original Statement ☐ Amended Statement Measure #_____ - _____

☐ Argument in Favor ☐ Argument in Opposition Order #_____

"This information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

_____ E-Mail:_____

Name of person or organization paying or submitting petition for argument

Phone: Cell: Work: Home:

Contact information for authorized changes:

_____ E-Mail:_____

Name of person authorized to make changes to Argument

Phone: Cell: Work: Home:

Filer checklist for Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet (VP).

☐ Typewritten & signed Measure Argument form and Argument for County VP.

☐ Fee or certified petition (Petition ID #_____) provided.

☐ (If applicable) Endorsement Statement #:_____.

☐ Word Count (325 MAX).

By signing this document, I (we) hereby state I (we) am (are) responsible for the content of this argument. ORS 251.415

Organization name person(s) is(are) authorized to represent, if applicable:_____

Printed name of person furnishing argument	Signature of person furnishing argument	Date

Note: If this argument is not being filed by a registered Oregon Political Committee, you may be required to register as a political committee with the Secretary of State. Refer to the Campaign Finance Manual for further details.

For Office Use only:

County:_____

Cash-receipt #:_____

Check #:_____

Amount $_____

Required Info? Yes No

Signed? Yes No

Endorsements? Yes #_____ No

Intake Staff initials:

Word count (325 max):

Providing digital copy? Yes No

Received digital copy? Yes No

Review Staff initials: