

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 1027 requires each initiative petition gist to explain in basic words the effects of the proposition. No gist shall contain any words which have a special meaning for a particular profession or trade as well as any euphemisms, words, or phrases regarded in popular parlance as code words. Each gist shall be neutral in its description and shall not contain any argument for or against the measure. The gist shall also indicate whether a proposed measure will have a fiscal impact on the state. Each gist shall be accompanied by a statement that provides notice that the copy of the petition is a public record subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act. The measure directs the Secretary of State to affirm that any gist conforms with these requirements.

The measure requires any person circulating a petition to be a registered voter in the state and to display whether he or she is being paid to circulate the petition. Any person receiving payment shall submit a report to the Secretary of State that details such expenditures and that attests that all donated funds were received from sources in this state. The measure provides that no more than 10% of the total number of signatures required for an initiative petition or referendum petition shall be from legal electors of a county with a population of 400,000 or more and that no more than 4% shall be from legal electors of a county with population less than 400,000. The measure states that all initiative petitions without a set date from the Secretary of State shall be effected by this measure.

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