

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

MICHELE M. FLETCHALL,
CHARLES E. LEE, KEVIN L.
MANNIX, BECCA UHERBELAU,
DAVID ROGERS and REYNA
LOPEZ,

Petitioners,

v.

ELLEN F. ROSENBLUM, Attorney
General, State of Oregon,

Respondent.

Supreme Court No. S066460 (Control),
S066463, S066465

RESPONDENT'S FILING OF MODIFIED
BALLOT TITLE RE: INITIATIVE
PETITION NO. 5

On June 6, 2019, the Oregon Supreme Court issued its order holding that the Attorney General's certified ballot title in this case does not substantially comply with ORS 250.035. Pursuant to ORS 250.085(8), the court referred the ballot title to the Attorney General for modification. The Attorney General hereby files the attached Modified Ballot Title with the court.

Respectfully submitted,

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MODIFIED BALLOT TITLE

Amends Constitution: Creates new commission to replace redistricting by legislature; shifts influence to rural over urban areas.

Result of “Yes” Vote: “Yes” vote creates new redistricting commission to replace redistricting process by legislature; rural, less-populous areas allocated proportionately more representation on commission; changes redistricting requirements.

Result of “No” Vote: “No” vote retains redistricting by legislature, a body whose members are strictly apportioned in accordance with population; retains current constitutional and statutory redistricting requirements.

Summary: Amends Constitution. Currently, Oregon Constitution requires legislature, which is strictly apportioned by population, to reapportion legislative districts. Statutes and Constitution set redistricting criteria. Requires 10 public hearings. Any elector may petition Oregon Supreme Court to review compliance with the law. Measure repeals current process and creates new 11-member commission to redistrict, with limits on who can serve. Rural areas with fewer residents have more representatives (thus more influence) on commission than urban areas. Measure changes constitutional, statutory redistricting requirements; eliminates requirement that legislative districts “not divide communities of common interest” and mandates district boundaries have shortest possible “aggregate linear distance.” Measure requires 5 public hearings. Need 15 electors to petition Oregon Supreme Court to review plan with review limited to constitutional defects. Other provisions.

NOTICE OF FILING AND PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that on June 13, 2019, I directed the original Respondent's Filing of Modified Ballot Title Re: Initiative Petition No. 5 to be electronically filed with the Appellate Court Administrator, Appellate Records Section, and electronically served upon Kevin L. Mannix, attorney for petitioners Michele Fletchall and Charles Lee; Steven C. Berman, attorney for petitioner Becca Uherbelau, Evan R. Christopher, attorney for petitioner Reyna Lopez and David Rogers; and upon Aruna Masih, attorney for amicus curiae Joseph Baessler, using the court's electronic filing system.

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