

## Oregon Secretary of State election database now available on line

A searchable initiative, referendum and referral database is now available through the Elections Division page on the Oregon Secretary of State's web site, [www.sos.state.or.us](http://www.sos.state.or.us). The database includes content as far back as 1998 and provides easy access to detailed information about initiatives filed for the 2002 general election.

During the 2000 initiative cycle, chief petitioners filed 166 initiative petitions with the Elections Division. Already, thirteen initiative petitions have been filed for 2002.

Information for the 2002 election cycle is particularly detailed and is laid out to indicate the status of each initiative petition. The database provides important dates, chief petition-

er contact information, the complete text of the initiative, the draft ballot title and any comments, the certified ballot title and any Supreme Court opinions regarding the ballot title.

The database can be searched in several ways. Search criteria include the election year, whether a pro-

posal is constitutional or statutory, the status of a petition, the payment of petition circulators and whether a proposal is an initiative petition, a referendum

petition or a legislative referral. The database can also search by keywords in the subject, ballot title or chief petitioner's last name.

### Time to order genetically superior Douglas fir trees

The Columbia County Small Woodlands Association advises owners of small woodlots in need of planting or reforestation to place orders for seedlings soon. Douglas fir seedlings are often difficult to acquire in the early spring, when planting is normally scheduled and completed.

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