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Mt. Angel-Monitor Fire District Consolidation

Explanatory Statement for SEL 801 Filing

November 3, 2026 Election | Marion County

Measure 24-529: Formation of Mt. Angel-Monitor Fire District

If adopted, this measure will establish the new Mt. Angel-Monitor Fire District to serve residents of the current Mt. Angel Fire District and the current Monitor Rural Fire Protection District. The new fire district will become operational only if all three related measures are approved by voters: formation of the new district and dissolution of each existing district.

Currently, fire protection and emergency services in the area are provided by two separate districts, the Mt. Angel Fire District and the Monitor Rural Fire Protection District. Recognizing changing service demands and the value of a single coordinated organization, the two districts undertook a multiyear process, including a feasibility study and engagement with community members and stakeholders, to review existing services and evaluate consolidation.

Based on that review, the proposed Mt. Angel-Monitor Fire District is intended to provide fire protection and emergency services to the combined community under one district and one governing board.

Consolidation is intended to allow the district to:

- Provide full-time daytime staffing to improve weekday response reliability, when volunteer availability is lowest;
- Add advanced-level medical response, including Advanced EMT or Paramedic coverage, during daytime hours;
- Combine the administration, governance, and training of the two districts into a single organization;
- Fund apparatus and equipment replacement through a unified, long-term capital plan; and
- Establish a single permanent tax rate in place of the two districts' current rates.

If voters approve all three measures, the new district would form on January 1, 2027, and would be governed by a five-member board elected at large by district voters at the November 3, 2026 election. The territory of both existing districts would become the territory of the new district, and no other property would be included. The assets, real and personal property, and reserve funds of the dissolving districts would transfer to the new district. Neither existing district carries bonded debt or other long-term financial obligations, and the consolidation would create no new debt.

This measure establishes a new permanent property tax rate of \$1.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the new district, which is higher than the existing permanent tax rate of each district. The new rate would first be levied for the 2027-2028 fiscal year, with property tax collection beginning in November 2027. Upon dissolution of the two existing districts, their current permanent tax rates would no longer be levied.

If all three measures are not adopted, the Mt. Angel-Monitor Fire District would not be formed, the two existing districts would continue to operate separately under their current tax rates, and current service arrangements would remain in place.

Explanatory Statement based on information provided by the Mt. Angel Fire District.

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