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TITLE: CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO

CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows for the filing of written complaints with the Secretary of State alleging a violation of the Secretary of State's rules concerning campaign or political finance or the Fair Campaign Practices Act. The enforcement provisions of Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution (Amendment 27), including both processes and sanctions, would apply to violations under the bill. The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Assessment

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. Although it expands the grounds for filing a complaint with the Secretary of State, which could potentially increase costs for conducting administrative hearings and revenue from fines, any increase is expected to be minimal based on the assumption that the bill will not generate a significant increase in complaints. Under Amendment 27, complaints are filed with the Secretary of State and referred to an Administrative Law Judge for a hearing. Parties can appeal the ruling directly to the Court of Appeals. In the current fiscal year, a total of \$7,654 in fines were assessed for all campaign and political finance related violations.

Departments Contacted

Judicial State