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FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 750 (Senator Roesser)
Economic & Environmental Affairs

Campaign Finance Reports - Use of Electronic Medium for Submission

This bill specifies that all campaign finance reports required to be filed before November 1, 2000 with the State Board of Elections must be submitted on a diskette. The bill also provides that campaign finance reports required to be filed in November 2000 and thereafter may use any electronic medium approved by the State board.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential increase in State Board of Elections' expenditures. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Should the State Board of Elections approve an electronic medium other than diskettes for submission of campaign finance reports, expenditures could increase for computer programming costs. The cost for developing Internet or electronic mail filing capabilities is estimated at \$65,000. The State Board of Elections currently has a web site which would need to be re-configured to accept campaign finance reports and to secure the transmission of electronic documents.

Information Source(s): State Board of Elections, Department of Legislative Services

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