

FISCAL NOTE

HB 792 - SB 909

February 11, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Fair Campaign Practices Act* which holds liable any person, corporation, organization, entity or committee who publishes, broadcasts, distributes or causes to publish, broadcast, or distribute any false or defamatory campaign information knowing it is false upon certain proof; provides for compensatory and punitive damages in such amount as the court may allow; allows but does not require candidates to sign and file a *code of fair campaign practices* with the election coordinator or county registrar-at-large.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- Increase in state expenditures to the Secretary of State's Office to print and distribute the *code of fair campaign practices* to candidates for public office. Such increase is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within the existing budget.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director