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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Pederson	DATE TYPED:	01/26/00	HB	81
SHORT TITLE:	Electronic Reporting of Information			SB	
				ANALYST:	Woodlee

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 600.0	Indeter	Indeter	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General

Secretary of State

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 81 amends the Campaign Reporting Act to direct the Secretary of State to develop and implement an electronic reporting system for electronic reporting and retrieval of information.

### Significant Issues

The bill mandates electronic reporting for candidates subject to the Campaign Reporting Act to file their reports of expenditures and contributions. The bill mandates the following schedule:

January 1, 2002 - Statewide elective office reporting individuals, except those with expenditures or contributions less than \$2.5;

January 1, 2004 - Legislative, Public Regulation Commission and political committee reporting individuals, except those with expenditures or contributions less than \$1.0; and

January 1, 2008 - All statewide elective office, legislative, public regulation commission and political committee reporting individuals.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill appropriates \$600.0 to the Secretary of State for expenditure in fiscal years 2001 and 2002 to design, develop and operate an electronic reporting system. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund. There may be recurring affected costs once the system is in place.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Section 1 of the bill defines "prescribed form" and "deliver" and allows both paper or electronic filing. However, Section 3, paragraphs H(1) through H(3) seem to mandate electronic filing only to the described schedule. It is unclear if there is an option to file electronically or by paper, or if it is mandated to be filed electronically only by 2008.

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