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Attorney General Comments on Campaign Finance Law Challenge

LINCOLN- Attorney General Jon Bruning released the following comment on today's filing with the Nebraska Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of the public financing provisions of the state's Campaign Finance Limitation Act.

"Today we asked the Court to determine the validity of the Act and whether it violates Nebraskans' right to free speech," said Bruning.

On August 17, 2011, the Attorney General's Office issued a formal opinion which concluded the public financing provisions to the Act violated the right to free speech under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

On September 6, the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission sent notice it would no longer implement or enforce the Campaign Finance Limitation Act. Today's action was the next step under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-215, which requires the Attorney General's Office to file a challenge with the appropriate court.

The Attorney General's Office today also filed a proposed Complaint and proposed Stipulation of Facts. The Nebraska Supreme Court will ultimately decide whether or not to take the case as an original action.