



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 796

LCO No. 2710



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist.

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE APPEARANCE OF CERTAIN
CANDIDATES OR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN PUBLIC AWARENESS
CAMPAIGNS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE DURING THE
NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO A PRIMARY OR
ELECTION .***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 9 of the general statutes be amended to (1) prohibit the
- 2 Secretary of the State from using the name, image or likeness of any
- 3 candidate for public office or any elected public official, including the
- 4 Secretary, in any public awareness campaign developed and conducted
- 5 by the Secretary of the State, for purposes of educating the public on
- 6 matters relating to elections or voting, during the ninety-day period
- 7 immediately prior to a primary or election, and (2) impose a maximum
- 8 penalty of ten thousand dollars for each violation of such prohibition,
- 9 the payment of which the Secretary shall be personally liable.

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the appearance of certain candidates or election officials in public awareness campaigns of the Secretary of the State during the ninety-day period immediately prior to a primary or election.