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FIPA BC *Election Act* Charter challenge in court Monday

BC FIPA will be in the BC Supreme Court in Victoria seeking to overturn provincial election gag law.

VICTORIA—BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association's court challenge to the law that requires everyone to register with Elections BC before undertaking 'election advertising' is going to court on Monday.

BC FIPA's position is that this law, which forces people who have spent little or nothing to register with government before engaging in political expression, infringes the right to free expression guaranteed by section 2(b) of the Charter.

Failure to register could mean up to a year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

BC FIPA's position is set out in our Notice of Civil Claim, below.

http://fipa.bc.ca/library/Legal_Submissions/FIPA_FiledNOC_ElxnAct.pdf

The hearing is scheduled to run for two days before Mr. Justice Bruce Cohen.

What: BC Supreme Court Hearing

Who: BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association, represented *pro bono* by Sean Hern- Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP.

When: 10am, Monday November 4-5th, 2013

Where: BC Supreme Court, 850 Burdett Avenue, Victoria, BC

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FIPA is a non-partisan, non-profit society that was established in 1991 to promote and defend freedom of information and privacy rights in Canada. Our goal is to empower citizens by increasing their access to information and their control over their own personal information. We serve a wide variety of individuals and organizations through programs of public education, public assistance, research, and law reform.