



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 624

Senate, April 13, 2004

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The chairperson of the State
2 Elections Enforcement Commission shall review the functions and
3 activities of the commission in order to assign priority for the
4 continued funding of such functions and activities and shall submit
5 findings, including any recommendations for legislation to modify
6 such functions and activities, to the joint standing committee of the
7 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
8 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January
9 1, 2005, and annually thereafter.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The chairperson of the State
11 Ethics Commission shall review the functions and activities of the
12 commission in order to assign priority for the continued funding of

13 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any
 14 recommendations for legislation to modify such functions and
 15 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 16 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
 17 budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2005, and annually
 18 thereafter.

19 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The chairperson of the Freedom
 20 of Information Commission shall review the functions and activities of
 21 the commission in order to assign priority for the continued funding of
 22 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any
 23 recommendations for legislation to modify such functions and
 24 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 25 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
 26 budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2005, and annually
 27 thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Elect. Enforcement Com.; Ethics Com.; Freedom of Inf. Com.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which requires the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the State Ethics Commission, and the Freedom of Information Commission to review the functions and activities of their offices in order to evaluate their effectiveness and report such findings to the General Assembly, has no fiscal impact.

OFA Bill Analysis

SB 624

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the chairpersons of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the State Ethics Commission, and the Freedom of Information Commission to review the functions and activities of their offices to evaluate their effectiveness and assign priority for continued funding. The chairpersons shall submit findings and recommendations not later than January 1, 2005 and annually thereafter to the joint standing committee having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 51 Nay 0