



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 186**

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION, THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION AND THE CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-7a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) There is established a State Elections Enforcement Commission  
5 to consist of five members, not more than two of whom shall be  
6 members of the same political party and at least one of whom shall not  
7 be affiliated with any political party. Of the members first appointed  
8 hereunder, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House  
9 of Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from  
10 July 1, 1974; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the  
11 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July  
12 first; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from said  
14 July first; one shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
15 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July  
16 first, and one shall be appointed by the Governor, provided that such  
17 member shall not be affiliated with any political party, and shall hold  
18 office for a term of five years from said July first. Thereafter, members  
19 shall be appointed for terms of five years from July first in the year of

20 their appointment and shall be appointed by the person holding the  
21 same office as was held by the person making the original  
22 appointment, provided any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be  
23 appointed only for the unexpired term of the member whom he shall  
24 succeed. All appointments shall be made with the consent of the state  
25 Senate and House of Representatives, provided the initial appointees  
26 may serve without confirmation from July 1, 1974, subject to approval  
27 at the next regular session of the General Assembly. No person who  
28 has served within the previous three years as a public official, other  
29 than a member of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, or who  
30 has served within the previous three years as a political party officer,  
31 shall be appointed to membership on the commission. For purposes of  
32 this subsection the term "public official" means an individual who  
33 holds or has held a state, district or municipal office as defined in  
34 section 9-372 but shall not include a justice of the peace or a notary  
35 public and the term "political party officer" means an officer or  
36 member of a national committee of a political party, state central or  
37 town committee, or any person employed by any such committee for  
38 compensation. The commission shall elect one of its members to serve  
39 as chairperson and another member to serve as vice-chairperson. Each  
40 member of the commission shall be compensated at the rate of [fifty]  
41 two hundred dollars per day for any day on which he participates in a  
42 regular commission meeting or hearing, and shall be paid by the state  
43 for his reasonable expenses, including necessary stenographic and  
44 clerical help.

45 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 1-80 of the 2006 supplement to the  
46 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
47 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

48 (f) Members of the board shall be compensated at the rate of [fifty]  
49 two hundred dollars per day for each day they attend a meeting or  
50 hearing and shall receive reimbursement for their necessary expenses  
51 incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

52 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 1-205 of the general statutes is

53 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
54 *passage*):

55 (b) Each member shall receive [fifty] two hundred dollars per day  
56 for each day such member is present at a commission hearing or  
57 meeting, and shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and  
58 necessary expenses incurred in connection therewith, in accordance  
59 with the provisions of section 4-1.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-7a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-80(f)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	1-205(b)

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*