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**Raised Bill No. 6669**

LCO No. 4818



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.**

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  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, within the Office of Governmental  
5 Accountability established under section 1-300, a State Elections  
6 Enforcement Commission to consist of five members, not more than  
7 two of whom shall be members of the same political party and at least  
8 one of whom shall not be affiliated with any political party.

9 (1) Of the members first appointed [hereunder] under this  
10 subsection, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House  
11 of Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from  
12 July 1, 1974; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the  
13 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July  
14 first; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of

15 Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from said  
16 July first; one shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
17 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July  
18 first [.] and one shall be appointed by the Governor, provided [that]  
19 such member shall not be affiliated with any political party, and shall  
20 hold office for a term of five years from said July first, except members  
21 appointed on or after July 1, [2011] 2012.

22 (2) On and after July 1, [2011] 2012, the first member appointed by  
23 each officeholder described in this subsection shall be appointed for a  
24 term of four years and nine months from July first of the year of  
25 appointment, provided if the first member appointed by an  
26 officeholder on or after July 1, 2012, is an appointment to fill a vacancy,  
27 such appointment shall be only for the unexpired term of the member  
28 whom he or she shall succeed, and the next member appointed by that  
29 officeholder shall be appointed for a term of four years and nine  
30 months from July first of the year of that member's appointment. After  
31 the initial appointments for full terms made on or after July 1, 2012,  
32 members shall be appointed for terms of [three] five years from [July]  
33 April first in the year of their appointment and shall be appointed by  
34 the person holding the same office as was held by the person making  
35 the original appointment, provided any person chosen to fill a vacancy  
36 shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the member whom  
37 he or she shall succeed. [On and after July 1, 2011, no member may  
38 serve consecutive terms, except that any member serving on said date,  
39 may serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified.] All  
40 appointments shall be made with the consent of the state Senate and  
41 House of Representatives. No person who has served within the  
42 previous three years as a public official, other than as a member of the  
43 State Elections Enforcement Commission, or who has served within  
44 the previous three years as a political party officer, shall be appointed  
45 to membership on the commission. For purposes of this subsection, the  
46 term "public official" means an individual who holds or has held a  
47 state, district or municipal office as defined in section 9-372 but shall  
48 not include a justice of the peace or a notary public and the term

49 "political party officer" means an officer or member of a national  
50 committee of a political party, state central or town committee, or any  
51 person employed by any such committee for compensation. The  
52 commission shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and  
53 another member to serve as vice-chairperson. Each member of the  
54 commission shall be compensated at the rate of two hundred dollars  
55 per day for any day on which he participates in a regular commission  
56 meeting or hearing, and shall be paid by the state for his reasonable  
57 expenses, including necessary stenographic and clerical help.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-7a(a)

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*