



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 340

LCO No. 1995



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERMS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-205 of the 2016 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) There shall be established, within the Office of Governmental
5 Accountability established under section 1-300, a Freedom of
6 Information Commission consisting of nine members. (1) Five of such
7 members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and
8 consent of either house of the General Assembly. Such members shall
9 serve for terms of four years from July first of the year of their
10 appointment, except that of the members appointed prior to and
11 serving on July 1, 1977, one shall serve for a period of six years from
12 July 1, 1975, one shall serve for a period of four years from July 1, 1975,
13 and one shall serve for a period of six years from July 1, 1977. Of the
14 two new members first appointed by the Governor after July 1, 1977,

15 one shall serve from the date of such appointment until June 30, 1980,
16 and one shall serve from the date of such appointment until June 30,
17 1982. (2) On and after July 1, 2011, four members of the commission
18 shall be appointed as follows: One by the president pro tempore of the
19 Senate, one by the minority leader of the Senate, one by the speaker of
20 the House of Representatives and one by the minority leader of the
21 House of Representatives. Such members, including, but not limited
22 to, members serving on the effective date of this section, shall serve for
23 terms of [two] four years from July first of the year of their
24 appointment. (3) No more than five members of the commission shall
25 be members of the same political party. Any vacancy in the
26 membership of the commission shall be filled by the appointing
27 authority for the unexpired portion of the term.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-205(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the terms of members of the Freedom of Information Commission appointed by the legislative leaders from two years to four years.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]