

'Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Provide Historical Data Regarding the Receipt and Resolution of Complaints Pertaining to Legislative Ethics Violations'

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Provide Historical Data Regarding the Receipt and Resolution of Complaints Pertaining to Legislative Ethics Violations'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1 Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to provide historical data regarding receipt and resolution of complaints pertaining to legislative ethics violations. Resolved:** That the executive director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall provide to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs the number of legislative ethics complaints received during the past 10 years, from whom the complaints were received, the extent of any investigation into any complaint and the final resolution of the complaints. In addition to the historical data, the executive director shall report whether or not the existing laws regarding legislative ethics and the authority granted to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices are sufficient to properly resolve legislative ethics complaints or whether those laws impose barriers to effectively addressing actions that are recognized as violations of legislative ethics; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Report date and authorized legislation. Resolved:** That the executive director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall submit the data and report described in section 1 by February 15, 2008, including any proposed legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature based on the information included in the report.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment creates a resolve that directs the executive director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to provide historical data regarding complaints received about legislative ethics violations during the past 10 years. The resolve requires the report to be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs by February 15, 2008.