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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 737, L.D. 1834, Bill, “An Act To Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Make Public Declarations following a Determination of a Campaign Statement's Falsity”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1111 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraphs E and F.

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1111 in subsection 1 in paragraph H in the first and 2nd lines (page 1, lines 33 and 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the voting record of a candidate or public official" and inserting the following: 'a public policy issue'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1111 in subsection 1 by relettering the paragraphs to read consecutively.

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1111 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 2, lines 1 to 4 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. Commission to make public declaration. If the commission finds by clear and convincing evidence that a candidate, candidate's campaign, political party or political action committee has committed an act described in subsection 1, the commission must make a timely public declaration stating the same. When making a public declaration, the commission shall categorize the statement subject to the complaint in one of the following categories:

- A. False;
- B. Somewhat false;
- C. Somewhat truthful; or
- D. True.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment removes from the list of statements that are subject to an investigation by the Commission on

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1 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices false statements about a candidate's or public
2 official's confinement for a mental disorder or a false statement about military discipline
3 for criminal misconduct or about dishonorable discharge. It also requires the commission
4 to categorize statements subject to an investigation in categories ranging from false to
5 true.