

Amendment to SB 35

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the guidelines of the legislative ethics committee.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Legislative Ethics Guidelines; Conflict of Interest Procedure. Upon the effective date of this
8 act, paragraphs III-V of section 6 of the legislative ethics guidelines, relative to the conflict of
9 interest procedure, are amended to read as follows:

10 III. A declaration of intent form shall also be filed whenever a legislator or a legislator's
11 household member has a non-financial personal interest that would be affected in a materially
12 greater way than other similar entities by ~~[distinct from and greater than the public at large in]~~ the
13 outcome of a matter that is the subject of official activity **and that was** not disclosed by the
14 legislator in the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

15 IV. In such cases, the legislator shall either:

16 (a) Declare that the legislator will not participate in any official activity associated with
17 the issue; or

18 (b) Declare that the legislator intends to participate in the official activity and ~~[provide~~
19 ~~a description of the conflict of interest]~~ file an appropriate declaration of intent to participate.

20 V. The declaration required in subparagraphs IV (a) and (b) of this procedure shall be
21 ~~[publicly announced prior to any participation by the legislator in the official activity in accordance~~
22 ~~with section 7 of these Guidelines. The declaration of intent form shall be]~~ filed with the clerk of
23 the member's respective body prior to the time of the official activity ~~[and]~~ **or as soon as the**
24 **existence of a conflict of interest becomes apparent. Such filings shall** be made available for
25 public inspection during normal business hours.

26 2 Repeal. The following are repealed:

27 I. Section 2, paragraph XIV of the legislative ethics guidelines, relative to the definition of
28 verbal advocacy.

29 II. Section 7 of the legislative ethics guidelines, relative to verbal disclosure of conflicts of
30 interest.

31 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises certain provisions in the legislative ethics guidelines regarding the disclosure of a conflict of interest. The bill also deletes the definition of verbal advocacy and section 7, relative to verbal disclosure of a conflict of interest, from the guidelines.