

COMMITTEE REPORT

I. CODE OF ETHICS

In recognition of its responsibility to the citizens of this state and in response to IC 2-2.1-3-6, the House of Representatives adopts the following code of ethics:

Every candidate for election to the House of Representatives shall campaign and, if elected, shall serve with a personal moral commitment to dedicated public service without mental reservation.

Every candidate for election to the House of Representatives shall disclose his or her occupational, business, professional, or other financial interests as required by law.

Every member of the House of Representatives shall, to the best of his or her ability, be fully objective when considering a proposition upon which he or she must act, keeping the welfare of all of the citizens of the state in mind at all times.

No member of the House of Representatives shall sponsor or cast a vote on any legislative matter, except budget or general revenue bills, that might reasonably be expected to directly result in a substantial increase of his or her non-legislative income. Any member of the House of Representatives not voting for this reason shall be considered present for the purpose of determining a quorum. If a significant number of members are so affected, the House of Representatives or a committee thereof, as the case may be, may, by a vote of two-thirds of those voting, permit such members to vote.

Every member shall give freely of his or her particular expertise during a discussion or debate upon a given proposition; in doing so the member shall, insofar as it is possible, present the positions of all sides of the proposition.

Any member traveling to a legislative conference or meeting at state expense shall attend a substantial number of meetings and official functions.

No member shall host an event which seeks to raise campaign contributions for the election or reelection of any member to the General Assembly during the period beginning on organization day for the first regular session of the General Assembly and ending on the next April 29.

A member, the member's candidate committee and regular party committee organized by a legislative caucus of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly shall not, for the election or reelection of any member to the General Assembly, solicit campaign contributions, accept campaign contributions or conduct other fundraising activities during the period from the day before through the day after the day in November of each year that the General Assembly convenes.

No member shall accept honoraria during his term of office. Payment or reimbursement of expenses actually incurred shall be allowed.

II. PROCEDURE

Any member of the legislative ethics committee of the House of Representatives may receive:

- (1) A complaint from any person alleging a breach of privilege, misconduct, a violation of state law, or a violation of this code of ethics; and
- (2) A request from any member of the House of Representatives for a ruling by the legislative ethics committee.

Any complaint or request shall be reduced to writing on a form provided by the ethics committee and signed by the person making the complaint or request. The committee member receiving the complaint or request shall refer it to the chair who shall promptly call a meeting of the committee to consider the matter.