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Senator White moves that the Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment with further proposals of amendment thereto as follows:

First: In Sec. 3, 17 V.S.A. § 2414 (candidates for State and legislative office; disclosure form), in subsection (a), by striking out subdivision (1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (1) to read:

(1) Each source, but not amount, of personal income of the candidate and of his or her spouse or domestic partner, and of the candidate together with his or her spouse or domestic partner, that totals more than \$5,000.00, including any of the sources meeting that total described as follows:

Second: In Sec. 3, 17 V.S.A. § 2414 (candidates for State and legislative office; disclosure form), by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A candidate may withhold certain personal identifying information on the disclosure form if the candidate deems it necessary to protect his or her safety or the safety of his or her immediate family.

and by relettering the remaining subsections to be alphabetically correct

Third: In Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. chapter 31, by striking out section 1202 (State Code of Ethics) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new section 1202 to read:

1        § 1202. STATE CODE OF ETHICS

2            The Ethics Commission, in consultation with the Department of Human  
3        Resources, shall create and maintain a State Code of Ethics that sets forth  
4        general principles of governmental ethical conduct.

5            Fourth: In Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. chapter 31, in section 1211 (Executive officers;  
6        biennial disclosure), in subsection (a), by striking out subdivision (1) in its  
7        entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (1) to read:

8            (1) Each source, but not amount, of personal income of the officer and  
9        of his or her spouse or domestic partner, and of the officer together with his or  
10       her spouse or domestic partner, that totals more than \$5,000.00, including any  
11       of the sources meeting that total described as follows:

12           Fifth: In Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. chapter 31, in section 1211 (Executive officers;  
13        biennial disclosure), in subsection (c), by adding a new subdivision (1) to read  
14        as follows:

15           (1) An officer may withhold certain personal identifying information on  
16        the disclosure form if the officer deems it necessary to protect his or her safety  
17        or the safety of his or her immediate family.

18        and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions to be numerically correct

19           Sixth: In Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. chapter 31, in section 1211 (Executive officers;  
20        biennial disclosure), in subdivision (d)(1) (“domestic partner” definition),  
21        following “an enduring domestic relationship” by inserting of a spousal nature

1        Seventh: In Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. chapter 31, in section 1221 (State Ethics  
2        Commission), in subsection (b) (membership), in subdivision (1)(A), following  
3        “a chair of the Commission, who shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the  
4        Supreme Court” by striking out “and who shall have a background or expertise  
5        in ethics”

6        Eighth: In Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. chapter 31, in section 1224 (Commission ethics  
7        training), in the first sentence, following “the Commission shall make available  
8        to” by striking out “State officers” and inserting in lieu thereof legislators,  
9        State officers,

10       Ninth: By striking out Sec. 9 (State Ethics Commission; State Code of  
11       Ethics; rule-making procedure requirements) in its entirety and inserting in lieu  
12       thereof a new Sec. 9 to read:

13       Sec. 9. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; STATE CODE OF ETHICS;

14              PROCEDURE FOR CREATION

15              (a) The State Ethics Commission shall create a draft of the State Code of  
16              Ethics in consultation with the Department of Human Resources as described  
17              in 3 V.S.A. § 1202 in Sec. 7 of this act and submit that draft to the House and  
18              Senate Committees on Government Operations for their review on or before  
19              March 15, 2018.

1        (b) After considering any comments by those Committees, the Commission  
2        shall create its final version of the State Code of Ethics on or before  
3        July 1, 2018.

4        Tenth: In Sec. 17 (transitional provision; municipal ethics complaints;  
5        Secretary of State; Ethics Commission; reports), by striking out subsection (b)  
6        in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read:

7        (b) The State Ethics Commission shall include a summary of these  
8        municipal complaints along with its report of complaints described in 3 V.S.A.  
9        § 1226(1) (Commission reports; complaints) in Sec. 7 of this act.

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