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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 to be subsection (c) to read:

(c) In addition, each candidate for State office shall attach to the disclosure form described in subsection (a) of this section a copy of his or her most recent U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040; provided, however, that the candidate may redact from that form the following information:

(1) the candidate’s Social Security Number and that of his or her spouse, if applicable;

(2) the names of any dependent and the dependent’s Social Security Number; and

1 (3) the signature of the candidate and that of his or her spouse, if
2 applicable.

3 and by relettering the remaining subsections to be alphabetically correct

4 Third: In Sec. 3, 17 V.S.A. § 2414 (candidates for State and legislative
5 office; disclosure form), in subsection (c) (relettered subsection (d)), by
6 striking out subdivision (2) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
7 subdivision (2) to read:

8 (2)(A) The Secretary of State shall post a copy of any disclosure forms
9 and tax returns he or she receives under this section on his or her official State
10 website.

11 (B) Prior to posting, the Secretary shall redact from a tax return the
12 information permitted to be redacted under subsection (c) of this section, if the
13 candidate fails to do so.

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

17 § 1202. STATE CODE OF ETHICS

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

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

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

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

11 Seventh: In Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. chapter 31, in section 1221 (State Ethics
12 Commission), in subsection (b) (membership), in subdivision (1), by striking
13 out subdivision (A) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
14 subdivision (A) to read:

15 (A) one member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
16 Court;

17 Eighth: In Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. chapter 31, in section 1221 (State Ethics
18 Commission), in subsection (b) (membership), by inserting a new
19 subdivision (2) to read:

1 (2) The Commission shall elect the Chair of the Commission from
2 among its membership.

3 and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions to be numerically correct

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

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

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

12 PROCEDURE FOR CREATION

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

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

1 Eleventh: In Sec. 10 (implementation of the State Ethics Commission), in
2 subsection (b), in the first sentence, following “including the hiring of the
3 Commission’s Executive Director” by inserting and electing the Chair of the
4 Commission

5 Twelfth: In Sec. 10 (implementation of the State Ethics Commission), in
6 subsection (c), in subdivisions (1) and (2), by striking out “3 V.S.A.
7 § 1221(b)(4)(A)” and inserting in lieu thereof 3 V.S.A. § 1221(b)(5)(A)

8 Thirteenth: In Sec. 10 (implementation of the State Ethics Commission), in
9 subdivision (c)(1)(A), following “the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall
10 appoint” by striking out “the Chair” and inserting in lieu thereof a member

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

14 (b) The State Ethics Commission shall include a summary of these
15 municipal complaints along with its report of complaints described in 3 V.S.A.
16 § 1226(1) (Commission reports; complaints) in Sec. 7 of this act.