

1 S.198

2 Introduced by Senator Pollina

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Executive; State Ethics Commission; State Code of Ethics

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
7 State Ethics Commission to propose to the General Assembly a State Code of
8 Ethics enforceable by the Commission.

9 An act relating to an enforceable State Code of Ethics

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. PURPOSE; INTENT

12 (a) The purpose of this act is to require the State Ethics Commission to
13 propose to the General Assembly a State Code of Ethics that would be
14 enforced by the Commission.

15 (b) The General Assembly intends to consider the Commission's proposal
16 and enact into law an enforceable Code during the 2021–2022 biennium.

17 Sec. 2. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; PROPOSAL

18 On or before November 15, 2020, the State Ethics Commission shall submit
19 to the Senate and House Committees on Government Operations a proposed
20 State Code of Ethics that would apply to the Executive Branch and to the

1 Legislative Branch for non-core legislative duties and that would be enforced
2 by the Commission.

3 Sec. 3. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 13. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FUNDING SOURCE
5 SURCHARGE; REPEAL

6 (a) Surcharge.

7 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c) setting forth
8 the purpose and rate of charges collected in the Human Resource Services
9 Internal Service Fund, in fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, a surcharge of up to
10 2.3 percent, but no greater than the cost of the activities of the State Ethics
11 Commission set forth in Sec. 7 of this act, on the per-position portion of the
12 charges authorized in 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c)(2) shall be assessed to all Executive
13 Branch agencies, departments, and offices and shall be paid by all assessed
14 entities solely with State funds.

15 (2) The amount collected shall be accounted for within the Human
16 Resource Services Internal Service Fund and used solely for the purposes of
17 funding the activities of the State Ethics Commission set forth in Sec. 7 of
18 this act.

19 (b) Repeal. This section shall be repealed on ~~June 30, 2020~~ July 1, 2021.

20 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.