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Act No. 44 (H.135). Executive Branch; State Ethics Commission; governmental ethics; disclosure forms

An act relating to the State Ethics Commission

This act amends 3 V.S.A. chapter 31 (Governmental Ethics) to change the ethics disclosure requirement for Executive officers and State Ethics Commission members from a biennial disclosure to an annual disclosure, prohibits a Commission member from being a candidate for or holding an elected judicial office, extends Commission members' terms from three years to five years, clarifies the circumstances under which the Commission's Executive Director may provide guidance and issue advisory opinions, and makes other conforming language changes within chapter 31. In addition, this act changes the repeal date of the surcharge that funds the Commission from June 30, 2021, to July 1, 2022, and authorizes the Executive Director to hire a new part-time administrative assistant with the consent of the Commission.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021