

Sec. 9. 3 V.S.A. § 269 is added to read:

§ 269. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

(a) When applying for a State board or commission position that is appointed by the Governor or designee, an applicant shall not be required to disclose, or required to authorize the disclosure of, personal financial information as part of the application process unless an applicant's personal financial history is relevant to the applicant's ability to faithfully and competently perform the fiduciary responsibilities of the State board or commission position.

(b) This section shall not bar:

(1) requiring the applicant to affirm that the applicant is in compliance with constitutional or code of ethics requirements; or

(2) requiring the applicant to consent to the Governor's office accessing records that would be necessary to investigate an alleged violation of constitutional or code of ethics requirements.