HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 160 by Representative Dickerson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "enact" and before "relative to" delete "R.S. 42:1153(C)," and insert
"R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C),"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

- 5 On page 1, delete line 5 and insert the following:
- 6 "to provide for the procedure for making complaints; to provide for a prohibition 7 against retaliation; to provide for penalties for making a false complaint and 8 retaliating; and to"
- 9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 8, after "reenacted and" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning 11 of line 9 delete "is" and insert "R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C) are"

- 12 AMENDMENT NO. 4
- 13 On page 1, line 16, after "complaint" and before "concerning" insert "from a complainant"
- 14 AMENDMENT NO. 5
- 15 On page 2, delete lines 9 through 13 and insert the following:
- 16 "(b)(i) A non-sworn complaint shall be made in writing and shall contain the
 17 full name of the complainant. The complainant shall file a non-sworn complaint in
 18 person with the Board of Ethics at the offices of the board. When filing a non-sworn
 19 complaint, the complainant shall present a valid driver's license, passport, or other
 20 government-issued identification.
- (ii) A sworn complaint shall be made in writing, be notarized, and shall
 contain the full name of the complainant, the signature of the complainant, and an
 oath attesting to the truthfulness of the statements contained in the complaint. A
 sworn complaint shall be filed by mail, fax, or uploading the complaint to the
 website of the Board of Ethics, or by filing in person with the Board of Ethics at the
 offices of the board."
- 27 <u>AMENDMENT NO. 6</u>
- 28 On page 2, between lines 16 and 17 insert the following:
- 29 "D.(1)(a) No person shall threaten, intimidate, or coerce another person to
 30 prevent or discourage the filing of a sworn or non-sworn complaint pursuant to this
 31 Section.
- 32 (b) No person who is the subject of a sworn or non-sworn complaint shall
 33 take retaliatory action against the complainant.
- 34 (2) Any complainant against whom retaliatory action is taken by a person in
 35 violation of this Subsection may commence a civil action in the district court of the

1	complainant's parish of domicile against the person. If the court finds the defendant
2	violated the provisions of this Subsection, the plaintiff may recover from the
3	defendant damages, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs.
4	(3) For the purpose of this Section, "retaliatory action" means the use of
5	force, violence, extortionate threats, true threats, or harassment upon a complainant
6	who has filed a sworn or non-sworn complaint.
7	* * *"
8	AMENDMENT NO. 7
9	On page 2, delete lines 19 and 20 and insert the following:
10	"C. Upon a determination that a person has knowingly and willfully made
11	a false complaint, pursuant to R.S. 42:1141(B), the Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall
12	assess attorney fees against the person."