

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

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LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT: Requests the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations regarding ethics and campaign finance disclosure laws

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2 To the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on  
3 Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to  
4 study and make recommendations regarding ethics and campaign finance disclosure  
5 laws and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature no later than  
6 March 31, 2025.

7 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 9 of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the  
8 legislature to enact a code of ethics prohibiting conflict between public duty and private  
9 interests of members of the legislature, and Article X, Section 21 of the Constitution of  
10 Louisiana requires the legislature to enact a code of ethics for all officials and employees of  
11 the state and its political subdivisions; and

12 WHEREAS, the Code of Governmental Ethics (R.S. 42:1101 et seq.), provides that  
13 "it is essential to the proper operation of democratic government that elected officials and  
14 public employees be independent and impartial; that governmental decisions and policy be  
15 made in the proper channel of the governmental structure; that public office and employment  
16 not be used for private gain other than the remuneration provided by law; and that there be  
17 public confidence in the integrity of government"; and

18 WHEREAS, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act (R.S. 18:1481 et seq.) provides  
19 that "the legislature recognizes that the effectiveness of representative government is  
20 dependent upon a knowledgeable electorate and the confidence of the electorate in their

1 elected public officials" and that the purpose of campaign finance laws is "to provide public  
2 disclosure of the financing of election campaigns and to regulate certain campaign  
3 practices"; and

4 WHEREAS, due to the complex nature and broad application of ethics and campaign  
5 finance laws, it is appropriate that issues related thereto be comprehensively and thoroughly  
6 analyzed and studied; and

7 WHEREAS, the joint committee should seek input from interested stakeholders,  
8 including but not limited to the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Louisiana School  
9 Boards Association, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Public Affairs Research  
10 Council, and the Council for a Better Louisiana, in conducting this study.

11 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on House  
12 and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs  
13 to meet and to function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations regarding  
14 ethics and campaign finance disclosure laws and to report the findings of the joint committee  
15 to the legislature no later than March 31, 2025.

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