

SENATE FILE
BY MILLER

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to confidentiality of ethics complaints during
2 even-numbered years.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 68B.31, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9A. The ethics committee of each house
4 shall recommend rules for adoption by the respective house
5 relating to special confidentiality rules for ethics
6 complaints filed on or after May 1 of each even-numbered year.
7 The rules shall provide for a complaint, any information
8 accompanying the complaint, and any procedures related to the
9 complaint conducted by the ethics committee or staff
10 subsequent to the filing of the complaint to be kept
11 confidential if, in the best judgment of the chairperson of
12 the ethics committee, a final disposition of the complaint
13 cannot be reached prior to election day. These rules shall
14 supersede any confidentiality rules adopted pursuant to
15 subsection 9 until the day after election day at which time
16 the confidentiality rules adopted pursuant to subsection 9
17 shall govern all complaints currently under consideration by
18 the ethics committee.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides for special confidentiality rules to be
21 adopted relating to ethics complaints filed on or after May 1
22 of each even-numbered year. The bill provides that the rules
23 shall provide for a complaint, any information accompanying
24 the complaint, and any procedures related to the complaint
25 conducted by the ethics committee or staff subsequent to the
26 filing of the complaint to be kept confidential if, in the
27 best judgment of the chairperson of the ethics committee, a
28 final disposition of the complaint cannot be reached prior to
29 election day. The bill provides that the special
30 confidentiality rules shall supersede any regular
31 confidentiality rules until the day after election day at
32 which time the regular ethics committee confidentiality rules
33 shall govern any complaints currently under consideration by
34 the ethics committee.

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