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### **REVISED M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** MEMBERS, SC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FORMER MEMBERS, CANDIDATES, AND CAUCUSES

**FROM:** MICHAEL A. PITTS, CHAIRMAN

**DATE:** May 30, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Fine Appeals Due to Errors by Third Party Filers

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At the House Ethics Committee meeting on May 15, 2018, the Committee noted that many fine appeals for outstanding ethics fines resulted from errors made by a third party filing the ethics reports on behalf of the Candidate or House Member. The Committee is placing all Candidates and Members on notice that fine appeals brought for third party filing errors will be judged more strictly than filing errors caused by the actual Candidate or Member. This is due to the fact that the Candidate or Member has a responsibility to verify that his or her ethics reports are timely and correctly filed. Examples of a third party filer include the Candidate or Member's CPA, Campaign Treasurer, immediate family member, or person employed to file the Candidate or Member's ethics reports.

If you have any questions, please call the House Legislative Ethics Committee at 803-734-3114.