

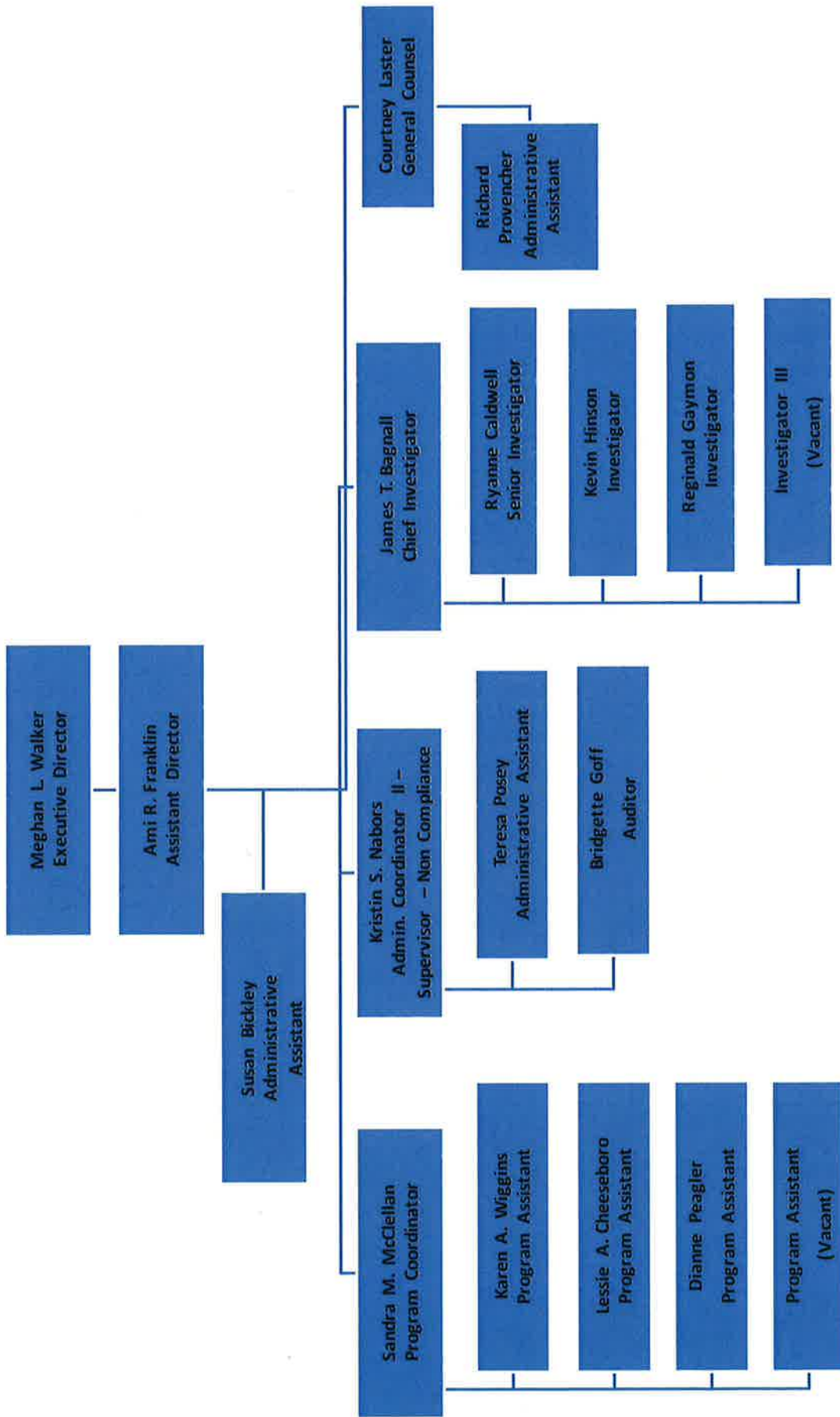
State Ethics Commission

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AGENCY CODE:	R520	SECTION:	110

**Fiscal Year 2017-18
Accountability Report**

SUBMISSION FORM

AGENCY MISSION

The State Ethics Commission is the agency of state government responsible for the enforcement of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991 and all other subsequent ethics legislation adopted by the General Assembly. Our mission is to work diligently to develop and enhance public trust in all levels of government. The Commission's legislative mandate is to monitor and take appropriate action to ensure compliance with state law that requires financial disclosure, lobbyist/lobbyist's principal disclosure and campaign disclosure; administrate and regulate lobbyist and lobbying organizations; issue advisory opinions explaining and interpreting ethics legislation; assist and advise public officeholders and the public on the specific requirements addressed in the state's ethics laws; conduct both civil and criminal investigations of alleged violations of laws subject to the jurisdiction of the state Ethics Commission; and prosecute violators through formal administrative proceedings as well appropriate use of criminal enforcement actions.

AGENCY VISION

The State Ethics Commission seeks to enhance public trust in the integrity of state government. As such, the Commission must fairly and impartially enforce the Ethics Reform Act of 1991. In addition to enforcement, the Commission seeks to reduce the number of individuals who run afoul of the Ethics Reform Act by offering extensive trainings to public officials, members and employees throughout the state. Essential to training is the issuance of Advisory Opinions which offer guidance and analysis to persons subject to the Ethics. South Carolinians have a right to be fully informed as to the financial interest of persons representing them and the Commission is committed to maintaining open, accessible financial records for all mandated filers running for office.

Please select yes or no if the agency has any major or minor (internal or external) recommendations that would allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently.

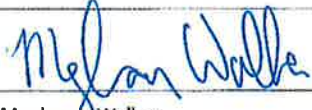
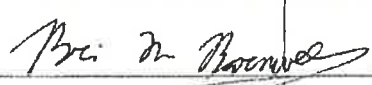
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RESTRUCTURING RECOMMENDATIONS:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's accountability report.

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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2017-18 Accountability Report, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR (SIGN AND DATE):	 9/14/18
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Meghan Walker
BOARD/CMSN CHAIR (SIGN AND DATE):	 9/14/18
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Brian M. Barnwell

AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The State Ethics Commission has one program, Administration. This program encompasses four distinct areas of responsibility of the Ethics, Government Accountability and Campaign Reform Act of 1991: lobbying registration and disclosure; ethical rules of conduct; financial disclosure; and campaign practices and disclosure. Three of the four areas are driven by disclosure and now that all disclosure is done electronically, the Ethics Act needs to reflect that.

Enforcement of the Ethics Reform Act is the primary function of the State Ethics Commission. Government accountability is at the forefront of citizens' minds across South Carolina. The General Assembly, having acknowledged the need for increased scrutiny of public servants and public conduct, has allocated funds for additional staff: one additional investigator position, a newly created auditor position, and two new administrative positions. Increased staffing will allow the Commission to be more proactive in enforcement; therefore, increasing government accountability and transparency.

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The addition of an auditor to Commission staff will allow for the proactive enforcement of the Ethics Reform Act. Historically, Commission investigations have been initiated by citizen complaints and review of disclosure forms. The auditor will primarily be tasked with random, routine audits of required filers to ensure that public officials, public members and public employees at all levels of government are adhering to requirements under the Ethics Reform Act.

The Commission recognizes that with the financial resources to increase enforcement, there is a duty to increase educational efforts. The Commission has a renewed focus on educating public officials, public members and public employees on their duties under the Ethics Reform Act in an effort to ensure compliance and reduce the number of complaints/investigations that are filed.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Efficient enforcement of the Ethics Reform Act requires disclosure of lobbying registration and activities, financial disclosure (via Statements of Economic Interests) and campaign practices and disclosures. All disclosures and reports are required to be electronically filed. With the electronic filing requirement, several statutes have been rendered antiquated and need to be repealed and/or amended. Each statute that contradicts the requirement of electronic filing leads to confusion and possible duplication of government actions and/or resources. Section 8-13-1310 requires that campaign filers file with the appropriate supervisory office. Section 8-13-1310 contradicts the requirement that both the Senate and House Ethics Committees forward a copy of each statement filed with them to the State Ethics Commission within five days of receipt, which leads to confusion and the possibility that both committees may inadvertently violate the Ethics Reform Act.

The Commission requests the following statutes be repealed in order to establish uniformity throughout the Ethics Reform Act:

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NEED TO REPEAL:

8-13-360
8-13-1180
8-13-1310
8-13-1350
8-13-1366

In addition to repealing the above statutes, the Commission requests that the current definition of "committee" be replaced with a definition that will survive constitutional challenge. In the 2010 case *South Carolina Citizens for Life v. Krawcheck*, the Commission's ability to enforce provisions of the Ethics Reform Act governing committees was effectively voided. To ensure that committees are properly monitored, and that transparency is established, the new definition of committee must apply only to organizations whose major purpose is supporting or opposing a candidate. Without redefining "committee," individuals running for office may be subjected to anonymous campaigns, under the authority of no law, waging political attacks without accountability.

In order to ensure that all individuals subject to reporting requirements concerning Campaign Disclosures and Statements of Economic Interests are reporting when necessary, the Commission needs to be fully informed of not only persons elected to office but also of persons seeking office. Due to lapses in reporting, there may be instances in which a candidate for office (specifically local races) falls under the jurisdiction of the Ethics Reform Act but we are unaware of his or her candidacy and are, therefore, not properly enforcing the Act.

To remedy this issue, the Commission requests that the State Election Commission as well as local Election Directors be mandated by law to provide identifying information of each person running for office at the close of filing.

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Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Template		2017-18		2017-18		2017-18		2017-18		2017-18	
Item #	Goal	Strategy	Measure	Date	Target	Actual	Time Applicable	Data Source and Availability	Calculation Method	Measurement Use or Purpose	
1	1		More efficient and effective enforcement of the SC Ethics laws.								
1.1	1.1.1		Hire investigator	9/1/2018	1	1	9/1/2018	Org. Chart	Investigator(s) hired	Adequate enforcement of laws.	
1.2	1.2.1		Legislative changes to the Ethics Reform Act to reflect the mandated electronic filing	n/a	n/a	n/a	6/30/2018	Code of Laws		Applicability of laws.	
1.3	1.3.1		Timely investigate complaints/random audits	4	6	5	6/30/2018	Org. Chart	Sum of investigators	Adequate enforcement of laws.	
	1.3.2		Increase investigator/add one auditor	n/a	n/a	n/a	6/30/2018	Pending cases	Sum of cases.	Adequate enforcement of laws.	
	1.3.3		Reduce investigative time by equitable distribution of cases.	n/a	n/a	n/a	6/30/2018				
			Review campaign finance reports immediately following deadlines.	n/a	n/a	n/a	6/30/2018				
			Provide a safe, secure environment for staff/public, data etc.								
2	2.1		Secure a safe environment for staff and for public.								
2.1	2.1.1		Create a safe environment for staff and for public.	0	2	2	6/30/2018	Office Building	Locking systems	Assess safety	
	2.1.2		Re-design lobby and ensure entry is controlled with locking system.	0	1	1	6/30/2018	Office Building	Waiting rooms.	Assess safety.	
	2.2		Re-design office to provide a waiting room for the public.								
			Ensure the secure collection/retention of electronic data.								
	2.2.1		New computers utilizing current security designs	1	2	2	6/30/2018	Office Building	Security measures	Assess safety.	
			Secure the premises.								

Agency Code	Agency Name	Agency	Item #	Form #	Description	2018-19	2018-19	Time Applicable	Date Range and Frequency	Calculation Method	Measurement Unit or Measure	Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Template	
												Target	Actual
8530	STATE ETHICS COMMISSION	110	1	1.1	Provide training for all state public officials, public employees and public members as possible.	1250	1250	7/1/2018-6/30/2019	CR, bi-monthly	Sum of individuals.	Tracks individuals trained.		
			2	2.1	Coordinate with agencies, councils, organizations across the state to reach as many people as possible.								
			3	2.1	Provide a safe and secure environment for Commissioners, staff and public.								
			4	2.1	Ensure that there are no instances of violence on site.								
			5	2.1	Protect the data of all FOIS/ERS items								
			6	2.1	Ensure that there are no data breaches								
			7	2.1	Decrease the number of ethics violations pending a hearing.								
			8	2.1	Efficiently resolve cases once probable cause has been found.	51	40	7/1/2018-6/30/2019	CR, bi-monthly	Sum of cases.	Tracks data security.		

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Program/Title: **Program Template**
 Associated Measure(s): **Associated Measure(s)**

Purpose	FY 2017-18 Expenditures (Actual)			FY 2018-19 Expenditures (Projected)			TOTAL	Associated Measure(s)
	General	Other	Federal	General	Other	Federal		
Administration Funding source for carrying out the investigation and enforcement of the Commission's statutory mandate to include compliance with financial disclosure, lobbyists/lobbyists' principal disclosure, campaign disclosure and rules of conduct. The mandate also includes regulating lobbying; issuing advisory opinions interpreting the Ethics Reform Act and finally educating covered individuals, entities and the public on the requirements of the Ethics Reform Act.	\$ 1,129,648	\$ 198,897	\$ -	\$ 1,328,545	\$ 318,154	\$ -	\$ 1,694,315	1,1,1, 1.1.1,2.1.1,3.1
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Agency Code	RS30	Section	110	Agency Name	STATE ETHICS COMMISSION	Law Number	Section	Type of Law	Violation Description	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?
1	2-17-5	State	Statute	Transfer of Duties and powers from Secretary of State to State Ethics Commission.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
2	2-17-10	State	Statute	Definitions.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
3	2-17-15	State	Statute	Persons prohibited from serving as lobbyists; application of section.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
4	2-17-17	State	Statute	Soil as which contract with outside lobbyists must mail copies of lobbyist's disclosure statements and reports to home addresses of members; use of funds.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
5	2-17-20	State	Statute	Registration of lobbyists; notice of termination of lobbying activities; supplemental registration statements; list of lobbyists; recording keeping requirements; re-registration requirements.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
6	2-17-25	State	Statute	Registration of lobbyist's principal; notice of termination of lobbying authority; supplemental registration statements; list of lobbyist's principal; recording keeping requirements; re-registration requirements.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
7	2-17-30	State	Statute	Lobbyist's reporting of lobbying activities.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
8	2-17-35	State	Statute	Lobbyist's principal's reporting of lobbying expenditures.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
9	2-17-40	State	Statute	Report of lobbying activities of state agency or department.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
10	2-17-45	State	Statute	Reports required of certain entities which run or raise actions, votes or failures to act or vote of certain public officials.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
11	2-17-50	State	Statute	State Ethics Commission to enforce filing requirements of chapter and to assess penalties for failure to file; filing of required reports and payments of fine conditions compliance; payment of fine without filing not to excuse or exempt person from filing requirements.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
12	2-17-60	State	Statute	Duties of State Ethics Commission.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
13	2-17-65	State	Statute	Review of reports for compliance; audits of lobbyists and principals; procedure upon failure to file required information after notice.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
14	2-17-70	State	Statute	Repealed July 1, 1993.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
15	2-17-80	State	Statute	Acts prohibited of lobbyists; acts prohibited of public officials and employees; exceptions.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
16	2-17-90	State	Statute	Acts prohibited of lobbyist's principal; acts prohibited of public officials and employees; exceptions; disclosure requirements.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
17	2-17-100	State	Statute	Public officials and employees not to receive compensation for speaking before audiences; exception and rules for payment of expenses.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
18	2-17-110	State	Statute	Additional acts prohibited of lobbyist and lobbyist's principal; public officials, and public employees.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
19	2-17-120	State	Statute	Suspension of lobbyist upon indictment for violation of provision of this chapter.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
20	2-17-130	State	Statute	Penalties for violation of provisions of this chapter.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
21	2-17-140	State	Statute	Groundless allegations of violations to be stricken from public record; penalties for willful filing of groundless complaint.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
22	2-17-150	State	Statute	Statute of limitations for prosecuting violation of provision of this chapter.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
23	8-13-100	State	Statute	Definitions.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
24	8-13-110	State	Statute	Fee for education and training programs.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
25	8-13-130	State	Statute	Levying enforcement or administrative fee on persons in violation; use of fee.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
26	8-13-140	State	Statute	Retention of funds derived from additional assessments associated with late filing fees.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
27	8-13-150	State	Statute	Carrying forward unexpended lobbyist and lobbyist's principal's registration fees.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
28	8-13-310	State	Statute	State Ethics Commission reconstituted; members; terms of office; officers; quorum requirements; meetings; per diem, mileage, and subsistence for members.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
29	8-13-310	State	Statute	Duties and powers of State Ethics Commission.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	
30	8-13-315	State	Statute	Use of registration fees and fees.	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	Legal Standards Template	Does this law specify whether agency must/may provide?	

31	8-13-330	State	Statute	Executive director of commission; restriction on political activities of members, employees	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
32	8-13-340	State	Statute	Official report of activities	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
33	8-13-350	State	Statute	Checks inhouse to be provided to public officials, members, and employees	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
34	8-13-360	State	Statute	Statements and reports filed with commission open for public inspection	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
35	8-13-365	State	Statute	Electronic filing calendar	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
36	8-13-700	State	Statute	Use of official position or office for financial gain; disclosure of potential conflict of interest	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
37	8-13-705	State	Statute	Offering, giving, soliciting, or receiving anything of value to influence action of public employee, member or official, or to influence testimony of witness; exceptions; penalty for violation	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
38	8-13-710	State	Statute	Repeating of particular gifts received by public employee, official, or member on statement of economic interests	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
39	8-13-715	State	Statute	Speaking engagements of public officials, members or employees; only expense reimbursement permitted; authorization for	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
40	8-13-720	State	Statute	Offering, soliciting, or receiving money for advice or assistance of public official, member or employee	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
41	8-13-725	State	Statute	Use or disclosure of confidential information by public official, member, or employee for financial gain	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
42	8-13-730	State	Statute	Membership on or employment by regulatory agency of person associated with regulated business	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
43	8-13-735	State	Statute	Participation in decision affecting personal economic interests by one employed by and serving on governing body of governmental entity	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
44	8-13-740	State	Statute	Representation of another by a public official, member, or employee before a governmental entity	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
45	8-13-745	State	Statute	Paid representation of clients and contracting by member of General Assembly or associate in particular situation	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
46	8-13-750	State	Statute	Employment, promotion, advancement, or discipline of family member of public official, member, or employee	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
47	8-13-755	State	Statute	Restrictions on former public official, member, or employee serving as lobbyist or accepting employment in field of former service	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
48	8-13-760	State	Statute	Employment by government contractor of former public official, member, or employee who was engaged in procurement	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
49	8-13-765	State	Statute	Use of government personnel or facilities for campaign purposes; government personnel permitted to work on campaign on own time	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
50	8-13-770	State	Statute	Members of General Assembly prohibited from serving on state boards and commissions; exceptions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
51	8-13-775	State	Statute	Public official, member, or employee with official function related to contracts not permitted to have economic interest in contracts	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
52	8-13-780	State	Statute	Penalties for breaches of ethical standards by public officials, members, or employees	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
53	8-13-785	State	Statute	Communication by elected official with state board or commission on behalf of constituent	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
54	8-13-790	State	Statute	Recovery of amounts received by official or employee in breach of ethical standards; recovery of kickbacks	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
55	8-13-795	State	Statute	Receipt of award, grant, or scholarship by public official or family	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
56	8-13-1110	State	Statute	Persons required to file statement of economic interests	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
57	8-13-1120	State	Statute	Contents of statement of economic interests	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
58	8-13-1125	State	Statute	Exception to reporting requirement for events to which entire legislative body invited	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
59	8-13-1127	State	Statute	Legislative invocations; committees to keep records of invitations accepted; public inspection	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
60	8-13-1130	State	Statute	Report on names of, and purchases by, lobbyist	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide

61	8-13-1140	State	Statute	Filing of updated statement	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
62	8-13-1150	State	Statute	Filing of statement by certain consultants	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
63	8-13-1150	State	Statute	Forwarding of copies of statement to State Ethics Commission and filing person's county of residence	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
64	8-13-1170	State	Statute	Technical violations of disclosure requirements; extensions of time for filing statements	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
65	8-13-1180	State	Statute	Soliciting of contributions by elective official or agent from employees; favoritism by public official or employee towards employees making contributions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
66	8-13-1300	State	Statute	Definitions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
67	8-13-1302	State	Statute	Maintenance of records of contributions, contributors, and expenditures	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
68	8-13-1304	State	Statute	Committees receiving and spending funds to influence elections required to file statements of organization	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
69	8-13-1306	State	Statute	Contents of statement of organization	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
70	8-13-1308	State	Statute	Filing of certified campaign reports by candidates and committees	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
71	8-13-1309	State	Statute	Filing of certified campaign reports by ballot measure committee	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
72	8-13-1310	State	Statute	Recipients of certified campaign reports and copies thereof; State Ethics Commission review	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
73	8-13-1312	State	Statute	Campaign bank accounts	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
74	8-13-1314	State	Statute	Campaign contribution limits and restrictions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
75	8-13-1316	State	Statute	Restrictions on campaign contributions received from political parties	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
76	8-13-1318	State	Statute	Acceptance of contributions to media campaign debt; limits; reporting requirements	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
77	8-13-1320	State	Statute	Contributions within specified period after primary, special, or general election attributed to that primary or election	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
78	8-13-1322	State	Statute	Debar limits on contributions to committees	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
79	8-13-1324	State	Statute	Anonymous campaign contributions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
80	8-13-1326	State	Statute	Limits to candidates considered contributions; limitations; exceptions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
81	8-13-1328	State	Statute	Limits on repayment of loans from candidate or family members to campaign	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
82	8-13-1330	State	Statute	Contributions by spouses or parent and child	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
83	8-13-1331	State	Statute	Affiliated Committees	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
84	8-13-1332	State	Statute	Unlawful contributions and expenditures	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
85	8-13-1333	State	Statute	Non-for-profit corporation solicitation guidelines	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
86	8-13-1334	State	Statute	Certain solicitation of contributions by corporations and organizations from employees not unlawful	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
87	8-13-1335	State	Statute	Accepting or soliciting contributions on State Capitol grounds or in or near residence prohibited; exception for contributions by mail	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
88	8-13-1338	State	Statute	Persons prohibited from soliciting contributions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
89	8-13-1340	State	Statute	Restrictions on contributions by one candidate to another	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide

90	8-13-1342	State	Statute	Restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
91	8-13-1344	State	Statute	Contributions by public utilities; seeking endorsement in return for non-substantive distribution by employers based on contributions; reimbursement for contributions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
92	8-13-1346	State	Statute	Use of public funds, property, or time to influence election prohibited; exceptions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
93	8-13-1348	State	Statute	Use of campaign funds for personal expenses; certain expenditures to be in writing; expenditures not to exceed fair market value; party cash funds	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
94	8-13-1350	State	Statute	Prohibition of use of funds for campaign for one office to further candidacy of same person for different office	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
95	8-13-1352	State	Statute	Exception to prohibition of use of funds for campaign for one office to further candidacy of same person for different office	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
96	8-13-1354	State	Statute	Identification of person independently paying for election-related communication; exceptions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
97	8-13-1356	State	Statute	Filing of statement of economic interest by candidates for public office	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
98	8-13-1358	State	Statute	Forms of certified campaign reports	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
99	8-13-1360	State	Statute	Contribution and expenditure reporting form; contents	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
100	8-13-1362	State	Statute	Filing of statements of inactivity by candidate or committee having no contributions or expenditures to report	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
101	8-13-1364	State	Statute	Sending of notice of obligation to report and forms	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
102	8-13-1366	State	Statute	Public availability of certified campaign reports	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
103	8-13-1368	State	Statute	Termination of campaign filing requirements; dissolution of committees; final report	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
104	8-13-1370	State	Statute	Use of unexpended contributions by candidate after election; distribution of unexpended funds of committees	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
105	8-13-1371	State	Statute	Use of funds by labor measure committee	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
106	8-13-1372	State	Statute	Technical violations of rules on campaign reports	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
107	8-13-1373	State	Statute	Budget and Control Board (now called the Department of Administration) must defend action	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
108	8-13-1374	State	Statute	Richard County designated as site of failure to file	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
109	8-13-1510	State	Statute	Penalty for late filing of or failure to file report or statement required by this chapter	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
110	8-13-1520	State	Statute	Violation of chapter constitutes misdemeanor; violation not necessarily ethical infraction	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
111	52-100	State	Regulation	State Ethics Commission	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
112	52-201	State	Regulation	Purpose and Scope	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
113	52-202	State	Regulation	Severability	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
114	52-203	State	Regulation	Definitions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
115	52-204	State	Regulation	Official Forms and Documents	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
116	52-205	State	Regulation	Date of Filing with the Commission Defined	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
117	52-206	State	Regulation	Method of Service	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
118	52-207	State	Regulation	Effect of Signature	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide

119	52-208	State	Regulation	Comparison of Time	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
120	52-209	State	Regulation	Motions and Other Papers	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
121	52-210	State	Regulation	Notice of Representation	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
122	52-211	State	Regulation	Subpoenas	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
123	52-212	State	Regulation	Amendments to Forms	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
124	52-301	State	Regulation	Advisory Opinions, Generally	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
125	52-302	State	Regulation	Informal Advisory Opinions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
126	52-303	State	Regulation	Formal Advisory Opinions	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
127	52-401	State	Regulation	General	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
128	52-402	State	Regulation	Lobbyist's and lobbyist's Principal registration, termination, supplement to registration, record keeping, and registration requirements	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
129	52-403	State	Regulation	Lobbyists and lobbyist's Principal reporting requirements	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
130	52-404	State	Regulation	Registration of raising or banking entities	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
131	52-405	State	Regulation	Administrative enforcement of registration and reporting of lobbyists, lobbyist's principals and raising entities activities and expenditures	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
132	52-501	State	Regulation	General	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
133	52-502	State	Regulation	Responsibility of Persons accepting declarations of candidacy or petitions for nomination	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
134	52-503	State	Regulation	Committees receiving or spending funds to influence elections must register	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
135	52-504	State	Regulation	Candidate's and Committee's Campaign Reports	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
136	52-505	State	Regulation	Committees registered with the Federal Election Commission	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
137	52-506	State	Regulation	Administrative Enforcement of Candidate's and Committee's registration and reporting requirements	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
138	52-601	State	Regulation	General	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
139	52-602	State	Regulation	Persons Required to File Statements of Economic Interests and Agencies Required to file Contract Disclosure Form	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
140	52-603	State	Regulation	Confidential Statements of Economic Interests	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
141	52-604	State	Regulation	Reporting by persons not required to file a statement of Economic Interest	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
142	52-605	State	Regulation	Approval for Out-of-State Expenses	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
143	52-606	State	Regulation	Consultant's Disclosure Forms	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
144	52-607	State	Regulation	Candidate and Incumbents Statement of Economic Interests	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
145	52-608	State	Regulation	Administrative Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
146	52-701	State	Regulation	General	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
147	52-702	State	Regulation	Initiating a Complaint	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide

148	52-703	State	Regulation	Parties to the proceeding	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
149	52-704	State	Regulation	Complaint Procedures	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
150	52-705	State	Regulation	Investigation of Complaints	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
151	52-706	State	Regulation	Amendment and Withdrawal of Complaint	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
152	52-707	State	Regulation	Hearing notice	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
153	52-708	State	Regulation	Request for Remission	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
154	52-709	State	Regulation	Respondent's Answer to Complaint	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
155	52-710	State	Regulation	Discovery	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
156	52-711	State	Regulation	Admission of Expert Reports and other forms of written evidence	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
157	52-712	State	Regulation	Presentation of Evidence	Yes	Yes	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve
158	52-713	State	Regulation	Conduct of Hearings	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
159	52-714	State	Regulation	Burden of Proof	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
160	52-715	State	Regulation	Continuance, Postponement and Adjournment	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
161	52-716	State	Regulation	Final Disposition and Order	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
162	52-717	State	Regulation	Record of Hearing and Transcripts	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
163	52-718	State	Regulation	Confidentiality of Proceedings	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
164	52-801	State	Regulation	Filing in Appeal	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
165	52-802	State	Regulation	Notice of Appellate Hearing	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
166	52-803	State	Regulation	Briefs	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
167	52-804	State	Regulation	Oral Argument	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
168	52-805	State	Regulation	Composition of the Panel for Full Commission Review	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
169	52-806	State	Regulation	Standard of Review	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
170	52-807	State	Regulation	Additional Evidence	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
171	52-901	State	Regulation	General	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
172	52-902	State	Regulation	Requirements of Trust Instrument	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
173	52-903	State	Regulation	Effect	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
174	52-1001	State	Regulation	Repeal of Existing Regulations and Adoption of Article 1 through 10, inclusive	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide
175	B-13-1301	State	Statute	Joint candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor to be considered a single candidate	Yes	Yes	Report our agency must/may provide

Agency Name:	STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
Agency Code:	RS20
Section:	110

Divisions or Major Programs		Description	Service/Product Provided to Customers	Customer Segments	Specify only for the following segments: (1) Industry; Name; (2) Professional Organization; Name; (3) Public; Demographics.
Administration	Created by Section 8-13-310 to establish and enforce certain rules of ethical conduct for public officials and employees, to establish rules for election campaign finance practices, and to provide for disclosure of economic interests and to administer the lobbyist portion of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991.	Public Disclosure section of website that contains reports filed by lobbyists, lobbyist's principals, public, elected, and appointed officials under our jurisdiction. Ability to file complaints for violations of the Ethics Reform Act.	General Public	All South Carolinians, news media, and any citizen outside of South Carolina seeking information about public officials, employees, lobbyists, or elected officials' campaign finance and economic interests	Customer Template
Administration	Created by Section 8-13-310 to establish and enforce certain rules of ethical conduct for public officials and employees, to establish rules for election campaign finance practices, and to provide for disclosure of economic interests and to administer the lobbyist portion of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991.	Training in Ethics Reform Act	Executive Branch/State Agencies	Executive Branch/State Agencies	
Administration	Created by Section 8-13-310 to establish and enforce certain rules of ethical conduct for public officials and employees, to establish rules for election campaign finance practices, and to provide for disclosure of economic interests and to administer the lobbyist portion of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991.	Training in Ethics Reform Act	Professional Organization	Professional Organization	School Board Association, Municipal Association, Association of Counties, Councils of Government, and any other organization to which the Ethics Reform Act applies.
Administration	Created by Section 8-13-310 to establish and enforce certain rules of ethical conduct for public officials and employees, to establish rules for election campaign finance practices, and to provide for disclosure of economic interests and to administer the lobbyist portion of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991.	Online support to help file required reports	Local Govts.	Local Govts.	
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Administration	Created by Section 8-13-310 to establish and enforce certain rules of ethical conduct for public officials and employees, to establish rules for election campaign finance practices, and to provide for disclosure of economic interests and to administer the lobbyist portion of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991.	Online support to help file required reports	Executive Branch/State Agencies	Executive Branch/State Agencies	

Fiscal Year 2017-2018
Accountability Report

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Name of Partner Entity	Type of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Partner Template
State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	State Government	Assist with investigations as needed	3
SC Attorney General's Office	State Government	Assist with investigations as needed and refer for prosecution when appropriate	3
SC State Election Commission	State Government	Share information regarding elections and candidates for public office (Candidates' Rosters, Cancellation of Elections, Statements of Intention of Candidacy)	1,3
SC Department of Revenue	State Government	Participate in DOR's Setoff Debt and Governmental Entity Accounts Receivable (GEAR) programs to assist with debt collection.	1,2,3
SC Division of Technology	State Government	IT services and network security	2
Solicitor's Offices	Local Government	Refer for prosecution when appropriate	3
South Carolina Interactive, LLC.	Private Business Organization	Host website and maintain/update Online Filing System for candidates, elected officials, appointed officials, and public employees	2,3

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Agency Code: **AS20** Section: **110**

Item: **1** Is this a Report, Review, or both? **State Auditor's Office** Report or Review Name: **State** Name of Entity Requesting the Report or Conducting Review: **07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017** Type of Entity: **State Auditor's Office** Reporting Frequency: **Annual** Current Fiscal Year Submission Date or Review Turn Date (MM/DD/YYYY): **07/01/2016** Summary of Information Requested in the Report or Reviewed: **Method to Access the Report or Indirect on from the Review**

Report and External Review Template

Item	Is this a Report, Review, or both?	Report or Review Name	Name of Entity Requesting the Report or Conducting Review	Type of Entity	Reporting Frequency	Current Fiscal Year Submission Date or Review Turn Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Summary of Information Requested in the Report or Reviewed
1		State Auditor's Office	07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017	State Auditor's Office	Annual	07/01/2016	Method to Access the Report or Indirect on from the Review

Budget Request Summary

- The State Ethics Commission does not have any recurring requests for FY20.
- The State Ethics Commission does not have any non-recurring requests for FY20.
- The State Ethics Commission does not have any capital budget requests for FY20.

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**Fiscal Year 2019-20
Agency Budget Plan**

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

**OPERATING
REQUESTS
(FORM B1)**

For FY 2019-20, my agency is (mark "X"):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**NON-RECURRING
REQUESTS
(FORM B2)**

For FY 2019-20, my agency is (mark "X"):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**CAPITAL
REQUESTS
(FORM C)**

For FY 2019-20, my agency is (mark "X"):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**PROVISOS
(FORM D)**

For FY 2019-20, my agency is (mark "X"):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Meghan Walker Executive Director	803-253-4192 Ext. 0	mwalker@ethics.sc.gov
SECONDARY CONTACT:	Ami Franklin Assistant Director	803-253-4192 Ext. 0	ami@ethics.sc.gov

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2019-20 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<i>Agency Director</i>	<i>Board or Commission Chair</i>
SIGN/DATE:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Meghan Walker	Brian M. Bamwell

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

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FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST**NUMBER**

110.1

*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list for FY 2019-20 (or mark "NEW").***TITLE****ETHICS: Ethics Commission Website Changes***Provide the title from the FY 2018-19 Appropriations Act or suggest a short title for any new request.***BUDGET PROGRAM**

Administration

*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.***RELATED BUDGET REQUEST****No, this request is not associated with a budget request for FY19-20.***Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2019-20? If so, cite it here.***REQUESTED ACTION**

Delete

*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.***OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED**Senate Ethics Committee
House of Representatives Ethics Committee*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?***SUMMARY & EXPLANATION**

The vast majority of required filers are public officials, public members and public employees who fall outside the jurisdiction of the House and Senate Ethics Committees. In order to effectively serve these citizens, the State Ethics Commission would like to have the ability to efficiently make system changes to the Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System. These intended system changes are merely to update the Reporting System to make it more "user-friendly." The substance of the Reporting System, which is established by statute, could not be changed by the State Ethics Commission.

The State Ethics Commission understands the need to work with both the House and Senate Ethics Committees in implementing change; however, it believes the product and service to citizens would be greatly improved with the deletion of Proviso 110.1.

Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.

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**PROPOSED
PROVISO TEXT**

~~110.1. (ETHICS: Ethics Commission Website Changes) In the current fiscal year, prior to approving or adopting any changes to the State Ethics Commission Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System, the State Ethics Commission shall submit the proposed changes to the Senate Ethics Committee and House of Representatives Ethics Committee for their review and approval. As third party beneficiaries to any agreement between the State Ethics Commission and a vendor relating to the State Ethics Commission Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System, the General Assembly through its respective Ethics Committees can submit suggested changes to any proposed agreement or contract relating to the State Ethics Commission Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System and the State Ethics Commission shall be required to incorporate those suggestions into any contractual negotiation.~~

Paste FY 2018-19 text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.

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**FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

TITLE Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan

AMOUNT \$43,259

What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount (minimum based on the FY 2018-19 recurring appropriations)? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS 1 FTE
Investigator III

How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY IMPACT Program: Administration

What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

SUMMARY The State Ethics Commission is an incredibly small agency (consisting of 14 employees) that is able to serve South Carolinians because each employee has a multitude of responsibilities and are cross-trained in the various functions of the agency. Any reduction in budget and/or staff would render this agency virtually unable to adequately perform its mission of enforcing the Ethics Reform Act.

Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS

The reduction of one FTE Investigator III position would be a cost savings of approximately \$74,000.

Reduction of a law enforcement position would also approximately reduce:

- Vehicle - \$9,000
- Weapons & Ammunition - \$1,000
- Training - \$500
- Uniforms & Supplies - \$1,000
- Desk, Chair, Computer, Office Phone, Cell Phone - \$3,000

What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE Request for Repeal or Revision of Regulations.

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS The following requests pursuant to regulations governing the South Carolina State Ethics Commission will assist the agency in more efficiently and effectively serving the people of South Carolina with a special emphasis on those under the jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission.

What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST Mark "X" for all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repeal or revision of regulations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION N/A

Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES N/A

Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION 52-204C, 52-205A, B, and C, 52-601B, C and D, 52-607, 52-702(A),

Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

SUMMARY Repeal of the above regulations will bring consistency to both the regulations and the Ethics Reform Act. Regulations were not repealed to reflect the requirement that filings be done electronically. The continued existence of these regulations has caused some confusion.

Perhaps more importantly, the regulations refer to April 15 as the deadline for required filers to file his or her Statement of Economic Interests – this deadline is inconsistent with the updated deadline of March 30 and has caused some confusion.

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee Proviso Request Summary

Proviso # in FY 19-20 Act	Proviso Title	Short Summary	Agency Reccomended Action (keep, change, delete, add)
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110.1	ETHICS: Ethics Commission Website Changes	The vast majority of required filers are public officials, public members and public employees who fall outside the jurisdiction of the House and Senate Ethics Committees. In order to effectively serve these citizens, the State Ethics Commission would like to have the ability to efficiently make system changes to the Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System. These intended system changes are merely to update the Reporting System to make it more "user-friendly." The substance of the Reporting System, which is established by statute, could not be changed by the State Ethics	Delete

FY18 Carry Forward

1001 General Funds - \$92,290.82

- Funds will be used for Other Operating Expenses and to make up the difference with the Executive Director's allocated salary.

3035 Earmarked Funds - \$773,821.73

- Funds will be used for any expenses which cannot be covered by general funds and any remaining balance will be carried forward to the next year for the same purpose.
- This amount is larger than past years due to the agency relocation project for FY18. The agency attempted to save funds due to the uncertainty of anticipated costs for the move.

FTE Breakdown

FTE's Filled: 16

FTE's Vacant: 2

**One vacancy is an Investigator III and one is a Program Assistants.