
**State Government Operations &
Accountability Committee**

SB 5462

Brief Description: Changing the terms for nonlegislative members of the legislative ethics board.

Sponsors: Senators McCaslin and Kastama.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removes the term limit for citizen members of the Legislative Ethics Board.

Hearing Date: 3/18/05

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

The Legislative Ethics Board is charged with enforcing the state ethics law with respect to legislators and legislative employees. The Legislative Ethics Board consists of nine members:

- Two members of the House of Representatives, one from each caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- Two members of the Senate, one from each caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- Four citizen members chosen by the Governor from lists submitted by the four legislative caucuses; and
- One citizen member chosen by the other four citizen members.

The citizen members of the Legislative Ethics Board may only serve one term.

Summary of Bill:

The term limit for citizen members of the Legislative Ethics Board is removed. Citizen members may serve an unlimited number of terms.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.