

HJR 100 -- ETHICS

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment modifies the criteria for reapportionment of state Senate and House of Representatives districts. In its main provisions, the amendment:

(1) Requires the use of United States citizens for purposes of the population used in reapportionment;

(2) Requires that all districts be contiguous in territory with no exceptions;

(3) Requires districts to be as compact as possible after accounting for county and city lines and geographic boundaries;

(4) Prohibits reapportionment officials from accepting compensation or any other thing of value for the performance of his or her official duties from any political committee, candidate, corporation, labor union, or other private or public source other than the official compensation that is appropriated by the General Assembly;

(5) Requires legislative records to be accessible to the public and defines them as open records. All legislative proceedings, including committee hearings, shall be open meetings accessibly to the public;

(6) Prohibits members of the General Assembly or candidates for the General Assembly from soliciting contributions while on or in any building or property owned, leased, or controlled by the state or any department, agency, or division of the state;

(7) Prohibits any person serving as a member of or employed by the General Assembly from acting as a paid lobbyist, registering as a paid lobbyist, or soliciting lobbyist principals during the time of his or her service until the expiration of two calendar years after the conclusion of the session of the General Assembly in which the member or employee last served. Members or employees cannot accept a gift of any tangible or intangible item, service, or thing of value from any paid lobbyist or lobbyist principal in excess of \$5 per occurrence, or \$100 per year, whichever is less, although this shall not apply to campaign contributions consistent with applicable law or gifts from relatives within the fourth degree by blood or marriage, and these dollar limitations shall increase by 4% per year, rounded to the nearest dollar, or as may be provided by law;

(8) Enacts campaign finance limits that apply to candidates for

the General Assembly, to committees that make at least one contribution to a candidate for the General Assembly, and to committees or persons who make at least one expenditure supporting a candidate for the General Assembly. No person shall make, and no candidate shall accept, a contribution to a candidate committee or to a person exploring public office that exceeds \$2500 for the office of Senator or \$2000 for the office of State Representative. These dollar limitations shall increase by 4% per year, rounded to the nearest dollar, or as may be provided by law;

(9) Prohibits a committee or candidate from knowingly accepting anything of value from any foreign government or any natural person who is not a United States citizen, national, or lawfully admitted permanent resident, as defined by federal law; and

(10) Authorizes a legislative leadership committee to be formed by any candidate for the General Assembly.

A fiscal note summary is provided by the General Assembly estimating no cost.