

HB 1509 -- ETHICS

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This bill allows the Missouri Ethics Commission to initiate an independent investigation by the Executive Director when there are reasonable grounds to believe that a specified violation has occurred and there is a unanimous vote of the six members of the commission, with all members voting. If there are no reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred, then the investigation is terminated and the individual under investigation will be notified of the reasons for the disposition of the investigation.

The bill also imposes the current liquid investment requirements for candidate, campaign, and debt service committees under Sections 130.021 and 130.034, RSMo, on continuing committees and political party committees. An expired provision allowing the transfer of committee funds to trusts for the benefit of spouses or children in certain cases is also repealed.

This bill is the same as HB 183 (2021).