

# Ethics in Politics Act

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## Electronic Signature Sheet | State Initiative

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Petition ID **12**

**November 8, 2022**  
General Election  
SPONSORSHIP

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**Warning!** It is against the law for you to sign another person's name under any circumstances, sign a petition more than one time, or sign a petition when you are not qualified to sign it.

**Instructions** Only sign this petition if you are an active registered vote in Oregon and you personally printed this sheet or requested someone else print it for you.

- 1 You must sign both the request for the petition to be placed on the ballot and the certification.
- 2 Sign your name, as you did when you registered to vote.
- 3 Fill in the date, print your name and residence address. Only you may complete this optional information.

**Request** I request the text of this prospective initiative be forwarded to the Attorney General for preparation of a ballot title.

SAME PERSON

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed mm/dd/yy \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification** I certify that I personally printed a copy of this sheet or requested a separate person print a copy so that I may sign it.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed mm/dd/yy \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Residence Address street, city, zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** The people of the State of Oregon find that:

- (1) A free society requires independent oversight and accountability of elected officials;
  - (2) Examples of gross misconduct and corrupt politicians around the country show a need for stricter accountability of lawmakers and politicians; and
  - (3) State Legislators should be accountable to an independent Ethics Commission with meaningful disciplinary powers.
- (4) **THIS MEASURE DOES THE FOLLOWING:**
- (a) Makes the current Ethics Commission more independent, and allows it to develop and enforce high standards of conduct;
  - (b) Holds Legislators accountable for violations of existing laws;
  - (c) Requires Legislators to report misconduct that they witness; and
  - (d) Provides for transparency of records with regard to Legislators' misconduct.
- (5) **Nothing in this measure limits or eliminates any existing powers of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.**

**AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

**SECTION 2.** Subsections 1 and 2 of ORS 244.250 are repealed (and replaced with the subsections in Section 3 of this Act).

**SECTION 3.** The following subsections are added to ORS 244.250:

- (1) The Oregon Government Ethics Commission is established, consisting of seven members. Members shall be appointed the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. All seven members must be retired judges.
- (2) A person who holds any public office listed in ORS 244.050(1) except as a member of the commission may not be appointed to the commission.
- (3) The Commission shall adopt rules that prescribe:
  - (a) Uniform standards of conduct, including guidelines and procedures, to which members of the Legislative Assembly and legislative officials shall adhere, which shall include reasonable rules and limitations prohibiting the expenditure of public money on family, friends, or business relationships, and a prohibition on dishonesty in advertisements or official conduct; and
  - (b) Appropriate levels of discipline for misconduct, which may include economic sanctions, removal from employment as a legislative official, or recommendation of removal from office.

**SETTING HIGH STANDARDS**

**SECTION 4.** The following sections are added to and made a part of ORS 244:

**SECTION 5.** A finding of misconduct or a violation of rules or law by a member of the State Legislature or legislative official made by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission may not be appealed, except on the defense that the underlying misconduct did not occur.

**SECTION 6.** Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, the Oregon Government Ethics Commission may choose to impose economic sanctions against a member of the Legislative Assembly by limiting the member's salary, allowance, or other

compensation before it is received by the member.

**SECTION 7.** If the Commission recommends that a member of the Legislative Assembly is to be removed from office, the Legislative Assembly shall vote on the question of expulsion of that member pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Oregon Constitution within 7 calendar days in which the Legislative Assembly is convened in a regular, organizational, or emergency session. If such recommendation is due to a violation of state or federal law, the Commission may declare the person ineligible to serve the State of Oregon or any of its political subdivisions or any other public body as defined in ORS 174.109 as an elected or appointed official for a period of not more than 4 years, except as superseded by the Oregon Constitution.

**DUTY TO REPORT MISCONDUCT**

**SECTION 8.** (1) A member of the Legislative Assembly or legislative official shall intervene to prevent or stop another member of the Legislative Assembly or legislative official engaged in any act the intervening person knows or reasonably should know is misconduct.

(2) A member of the Legislative Assembly or legislative official who knows or should reasonably know that another member of the Legislative Assembly or legislative official has engaged in misconduct shall report the misconduct to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission as soon as practicable, but no later than 72 hours after witnessing or becoming aware of the misconduct.

(3) A member of the Legislative Assembly or legislative official under investigation by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission shall fully comply with all investigator requests, including the production of all requested materials, evidence and testimony.

(4) All records of complaints, investigations, and dispositions shall be made publicly accessible on the Commission's website, except for such information that is otherwise exempt from public disclosure.

(5) For the purposes of this Act, "Misconduct" means:

- (a) A violation of State or Federal law, including requirements applicable to public officials in ORS 171 and 244 and requirements applicable to candidates in ORS 259 and 260;
- (b) A violation of any rules or standards adopted by the Commission under Section 3 of this Act;
- (c) Failure to comply with Section 8 of this Act;
- (d) Failure to comply with rules adopted by the Legislative Assembly; or,
- (e) A violation of the minimum standards for physical, emotional, intellectual and moral fitness for elected service described in ORS 236.

**UNIT CAPTIONS**

**SECTION 9.** The unit captions used in this Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state.

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