
DIGEST

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Richmond

HB No. 1113

Abstract: Grants a right of appeal in actions taken by local ethics review boards against public servants or persons.

Present law authorizes any municipality with a home rule charter and a population over 250,000 to designate its local ethics entity as a law enforcement agency and to bestow certain investigative powers upon such entity. Present law provides for the confidentiality of preliminary investigations by such local ethics entities, and further provides a public records exception for documents related to any investigation, audit, examination, inspection, or performance review performed under authority of present law. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law creates a right of appeal for any public servant or person against whom an action has been taken by a local ethics review board, or for any such person who has been aggrieved by an action taken by a local ethics review board. Proposed law provides for appeal to the court of appeal where the ethics review board is located. Proposed law requires application to the ethics review board within 30 days of the board's decision becoming final before an appeal may be brought.

Proposed law further provides that the terms "public servant" and "person" as used in proposed law shall have the same meanings as in the state ethics code.

(Adds R.S. 33:9615)