

2016 Regular Session

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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Requests the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to study the feasibility and advisability of prohibiting campaign contributions to members of and candidates for the Public Service Commission from regulated entities and related persons

1 A STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to study the feasibility and
3 advisability of prohibiting campaign contributions to members of and candidates for
4 the Public Service Commission from entities that are directly regulated by the
5 commission and related persons and to report its findings to the House of
6 Representatives no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2017 Regular
7 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

8 WHEREAS, many states have enacted prohibitions and restrictions on campaign
9 contributions to members of and candidates for regulatory bodies and offices from regulated
10 industries and related persons; and

11 WHEREAS, because of issues involving speech and associational rights of persons
12 along with the necessity to maintain the public's confidence in the independence and
13 impartiality of its government and governmental decisions and policy, it is clear that any
14 such prohibition or restriction requires further study.

15 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests
16 the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to study the feasibility and
17 advisability of prohibiting campaign contributions to members of and candidates for the
18 Public Service Commission from entities that are directly regulated by the commission and
19 related persons and to report its findings to the House of Representatives no later than thirty
20 days prior to the convening of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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