

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 365 By Representative Stuart Bishop

May 31, 2012

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 365 by Representative Stuart Bishop, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments proposed by Senator Morrell and adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2012, be rejected.
2. The following amendment to the engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 16, after "no later than" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 17 and insert "three business days after the close of the qualifying period for such office."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Stuart Bishop

Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

Representative Timothy G. Burns

Senator Edwin R. Murray

Representative Anthony V. Ligi

Senator "Jody" Amedee

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES: Requires candidates for certain offices to receive ethics education prior to qualifying

Report does not adopt any Senate amendments.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Changed the deadline for statewide and legislative candidates to file the certification of receipt of ethics education and training from no later than the deadline for filing a financial disclosure statement to no later than three days following qualifying for such office.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Change the deadline for statewide and legislative candidates to file the certification of receipt of ethics education and training from no later than the deadline for filing a financial disclosure statement to no later than three business days following the close of the qualifying period for such office.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides relative to certain requirements to become a candidate.

Proposed law additionally requires each person who has qualified for a statewide elective office or the office of state representative or state senator to certify that he has obtained at least one hour of ethics education and training in the same manner as required of public servants by present law (ethics code-R.S. 42:1170) by executing a certification designed by the Board of Ethics. Proposed law requires that the certification, at a minimum, include an assertion that all of the statements contained in it are true and correct. Requires the certification to be filed with the Board of Ethics no later than three business days following the close of the qualifying period for such office.

Proposed law further provides that the certification form and a notice to the candidate regarding the requirements and the availability of education and training shall be included in the informational packets for candidates provided for in present law (R.S. 18:463(D)).

Effective Jan. 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 18:461.1)