

OPTIONAL WORK SESSION TOOL
HJR 1 - Study of the Office of Commissioner of Political Practices
For the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee
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Decision points

1. Does SAVA wish to examine changes in whether a decision is binding or non-binding?
 - A. Campaign practices complaints
Current: Non-binding administrative decision
Option: Binding quasi-judicial hearing (contested case)
 - B. Lobbying complaints
Current: Non-binding administrative decision
Option: Binding quasi-judicial hearing (contested case)
 - C. Ethics complaints
Current: Binding quasi-judicial hearing (contested case)
Option: Non-binding administrative decision
2. Does SAVA wish to examine campaign, lobbying, and/or ethics provisions related to?
 - A. who may make a complaint?
 - B. notification of parties and time table for initial response to complaint?
 - C. time lines for compliance?
 - D. penalty provisions?
 - E. other?
3. Does SAVA wish to examine the process for nominating the Commissioner and the Governor's appointment?
4. Does SAVA wish to examine whether additional restrictions or qualifications should be added to statute for who may be appointed as Commissioner?

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Discussion questions for panelists

1. Does the commissioner have too much power or not enough?
2. Are there enough checks and balances to ensure those who are subject to allegations are given a fair chance to respond?
3. How can the office be made more efficient and ensure that complaints are handled in a timely manner?
4. Is there anything more we can do to take away any potential for a perception of partisanship by the CPP?