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## House Bill 65 Sectional Analysis Version E

**Short Title: Leg./Pub. Official Financial Disclosure**

*Sections that have been modified from the original bill (version A) are noted.*

- Section 1:** **AMENDED:** Moves the deadline for the annual Legislative Financial Disclosure (LFD) to May 15 instead of March 15. *\*This incorporates the House STA amendment adopted on January 27, 2015.*
- Section 2:** Makes a conforming change to the statute that outlines the consequences for a legislator who neglects to file an LFD by the deadline. *No change from original.*
- Section 3:** **AMENDED:** Moves the deadline for the annual Public Official Financial Disclosure (POFD) to May 15 instead of March 15. *\*This incorporates the House STA amendment adopted on January 27, 2015.*
- Section 4:** **NEW:** Amends existing statute that allows filers an exemption from disclosing certain information in a POFD to allow the commission to grant waivers if certain conditions are met.
- Section 5:** **NEW:** Codifies a process to allow a person to request, and APOC to grant, a waiver from disclosing certain information required in a POFD if the disclosure would:
- (1) violate state or federal law;
  - (2) would violate a professional rule that a state or federal law requires a person to follow; or
  - (3) would harm a person's livelihood by diminishing the commercial value of the information or adversely affecting the person's competitive position.

Notes on the new sections: APOC currently has a system in place to grant waivers when information is privileged or required by law to be confidential. This language clarifies that APOC could also allow a POFD filer to refrain from disclosing information if the information would adversely affect a person's ability to conduct business and sets up a standard to weigh the potential harm to the person with the public's interest in obtaining the information.

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