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FROM: RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: CODES OF ETHICS GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Proposal No. 50 by Representative Hayes C. McClerkin directs the Legislative Council to "make a study of the laws of the various states having Codes of Ethics governing the conduct of public officials and employees, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of a Code of Ethics to govern public officials and employees of this State".

SCOPE OF STUDY

This study will summarize the statutory provisions of those states having code of ethics or conflict of interest laws but will not attempt to analyze those proposals which have been introduced in other states and which have either failed of passage or have been referred to committees for further studies.

SUMMARY

Since the first comprehensive Code of Ethics was enacted in 1954 by New York, a number of states have passed laws governing the conduct of public officials and employees. Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Texas and Washington have either Codes of Ethics or Conflict of Interest provisions.

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CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST AND RELATED REGULATIONS  
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AN INITIAL SUMMARY STAFF REPORT ON SUCH PROVISIONS AS OF 1970  
TO THE  
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RULES

The subject of ethics and personal conduct of public officials is a broad, controversial area apparently subject to as many views as there are theories of moral, political and personal conduct. There has been considerable activity in this area in the past two decades as well as the just-ending biennium. Interest, as judged by inquiries, bill introductions, statutes and rule adoptions, is as extensive as the disagreement on actual specific content. This staff report is submitted as a summary of the current status and major issues as they pertain particularly to the legislative branch of state government.



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