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Summary: Individuals who owe the Ethics Commission unpaid fines may not be elected

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8‑1‑15 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OWES THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION UNPAID FINES OR OTHER MONIES MAY NOT BE ELECTED, REELECTED, OR APPOINTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS ARE NOT DEFINED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 8 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 8‑1‑15. An individual who owes the State Ethics Commission unpaid fines or other monies may not be elected, reelected, or appointed to a public office whose qualifications are not defined in the Constitution of this State.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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