

ETHICS COMMISSIONS

STATE	POWERS AND DUTIES										JURISDICTION				
	Develop Forms	Develop Manuals	Examine Reports, Monitor Compliance	Subpoena Witnesses	Orders Enforceable in Court	Conduct Ethics Training	Legislators	Executive Branch	Candidates	Local Officials (Other than campaign issues)	Lobbyists	Vendors			
Alabama Ethics Commission	x	x uniform reporting guidelines				x	x	x	x						
Alaska Public Offices Commission	x		x all reports	x	x		x commission can investigate, but matters are adjudicated by the ethics committee	x	x	x					
Arkansas Ethics Commission	x	x educational materials	x	x			x	x	x	x					
California Fair Political Practices Commission	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x					
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission	x	x		x	law is unclear	x	x	x	x home rule counties and cities with ethics codes excluded	x along with the Secretary of State	x				
Connecticut Ethics Commission	x	x plain-language summary of ethics laws		x		x	x	x		x					
Delaware State Public Integrity Commission	x	x	x	x		x	x financial disclosure only, not code of conduct	x		x					

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Florida Commission on Ethics		may publish materials to help public officials comply		x			x	x		x full authority over executive lobbyists, authority over legislative lobbyists only - they register with legislature	x		
Georgia State Ethics Commission	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	
Hawaii State Ethics Commission	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x		
Illinois Legislative Ethics Commission	x			x		x	x						
Illinois Office of the Legislative Inspector General			x				x						
Illinois Executive Ethics Commission	x	x		x		x		x				x	
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Indiana State Ethics Commission	x	x	x	x		x		x				x	
Indiana Lobby Registration Commission											x		

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Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board	x	x accounting manual, educational materials	x	x	x		legislators file financial disclosure statements with the Board, but it has no authority over them	x	x	x executive branch lobbyists only				
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission	x		x	x			x	x		x has authority, but registration and forms are filed with Secretary of State				
Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission	x	x handbook for lobbyists, ethics training manual	x	x		x	x	x		x legislative lobbyists				
Kentucky Executive Ethics Commission	x	x handbook for lobbyists	x	x		x		x		x executive branch lobbyists				
Louisiana Board of Ethics			x	x		x	x	x			x			
Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices			x	x			x commission can investigate, but matters are adjudicated by the ethics committees	x	x	x				
Maryland State Ethics Commission	x	x	x each statement	x	x	x lobbyists included	x financial disclosure only; ethics committee handles conflicts of interest	x	x	x	no authority, but the commission must annually compile a list of all entities doing business with the state			
Massachusetts State Ethics Commission	x	x guidelines for accounting methods	x inspect all statements	x	x		x	x						

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New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission	x	x include law and bookkeeping requirements	x	x	x	x for campaign treasurers	x	x	x	x	x		New Jersey Executive Commission on Ethical Standards			x									
New York State Commission on Public Integrity	x		x	x		x		x			x		New York State Temporary Commission on Lobbying												
North Carolina Board of Ethics	x	x must publish news letter on ethics	x			x		x		legislators 'invited' to participate			Ohio Ethics Commission			x			x						
Oklahoma Ethics Commission			x	x				x	x	x			Oregon Government Standards and Practices Commission	x	x manual on uniform reporting methods, plam- language manual of ethics laws	x	x		x lobbyists included	x	x	x	x		
Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission	x	x educational materials	x must inspect reports	x		x		x	x	x			Rhode Island Ethics Commission	x	x publications explaining ethical conduct	x must review reports	x		x	x	x	x	x		x

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South Carolina Ethics Commission	x	x accounting manual, ethics brochure	x must ascertain whether the filer has complied with law	x	x	x		x	x			x		
Tennessee* Registry of Election Finance	x should be as simple as possible	x	x must review all filed statements	x	x		x	x	x			x		
Texas Ethics Commission	x	x uniform accounting methods	x must conduct random audits	x		x lobbyists included	x	x	x		x	x		
Washington State Legislative Ethics Board			x	x			x							
Washington State Executive Ethics Board			x	x				x						
Washington Public Disclosure Commission	x	x bookkeeping manual	x must conduct a sufficient number of audits and field investigations	x	x	x	x legislators file financial disclosures here, but the Legislative Ethics Board enforces the ethics codes	x	x	x	x	x		
West Virginia Ethics Commission	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Wisconsin Government Accountability Board	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
No Ethics Commissions	Arizona, Idaho, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Wyoming													

*Tennessee: HB 506, HB 504, or SB 126 have not been voted on yet, which may alter Ethics Commission due to sunset and Registry of Election Finance during its 2009 session.

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