

<b>AGENCY NAME:</b>	State Ethics Commission		
<b>AGENCY CODE:</b>	R520	<b>SECTION:</b>	110



**Fiscal Year 2020-21  
Agency Budget Plan**

**FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY**

<b>OPERATING REQUESTS (FORM B1)</b>	<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

<b>NON-RECURRING REQUESTS (FORM B2)</b>	<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

<b>CAPITAL REQUESTS (FORM C)</b>	<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

<b>PROVISOS (FORM D)</b>	<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT:</b>	Meghan Walker	803-253-4192	<a href="mailto:mwalker@ethics.sc.gov">mwalker@ethics.sc.gov</a>
<b>SECONDARY CONTACT:</b>	Ami R. Franklin	803-253-4192	<a href="mailto:ami@ethics.sc.gov">ami@ethics.sc.gov</a>

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2020-21 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<i>Agency Director</i>	<i>Board or Commission Chair</i>
<b>SIGN/DATE:</b>		
<b>TYPE/PRINT NAME:</b>	Meghan Walker	Childs Canty Thrasher

*This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.*

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## FORM D – PROVISIO REVISION REQUEST

<b>NUMBER</b>	110.1
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list for FY 2020-21 (or mark "NEW").*

<b>TITLE</b>	Ethics Commission Website Changes
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*Provide the title from the FY 2019-20 Appropriations Act or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	Administration
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	No
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2020-21? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	Delete
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	Senate Ethics Committee House of Representatives Ethics Committee
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>The vast majority of required filers are public officials, public members and public employees who fall outside the jurisdiction of the House and Senate Ethics Committees. In order to effectively serve these citizens, the State Ethics Commission would like to have the ability to efficiently make system changes to the Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System. These intended system changes are merely to update the Reporting System to make it more "user-friendly." The substance of the Reporting System, which is established by statute, could not be changed by the State Ethics Commission.</p> <p>The State Ethics Commission understands the need to work with both the House and Senate Ethics Committees in implementing change; however, it believes the product and service to citizens would be greatly improved with the deletion of Proviso 110.1.</p>
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*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

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<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	None
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*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

<b>PROPOSED PROVISOR TEXT</b>	<p><del>110.1. (ETHICS: Ethics Commission Website Changes) In the current fiscal year, prior to approving or adopting any changes to the State Ethics Commission Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System, the State Ethics Commission shall submit the proposed changes to the Senate Ethics Committee and House of Representatives Ethics Committee for their review and approval. As third party beneficiaries to any agreement between the State Ethics Commission and a vendor relating to the State Ethics Commission Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System, the General Assembly through its respective Ethics Committees can submit suggested changes to any proposed agreement or contract relating to the State Ethics Commission Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System and the State Ethics Commission shall be required to incorporate those suggestions into any contractual negotiation.</del></p>
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*Paste FY 2019-20 text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.*

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**FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION  
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

<b>TITLE</b>	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$44,419</b> <i>What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount (minimum based on the FY 2019-20 recurring appropriations)? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.</i>
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<b>ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS</b>	1 FTE - Investigator III  <i>How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?</i>
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<b>PROGRAM/ACTIVITY IMPACT</b>	Program: Administration  <i>What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?</i>
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<b>SUMMARY</b>	<p>The State Ethics Commission is a small agency (consisting of 18 employees) that is able to serve South Carolinians because each employee has a multitude of responsibilities and are cross-trained in the various functions of the agency. Any reduction in budget and/or staff would render this agency virtually unable to adequately perform its mission of enforcing the Ethics Reform Act.</p> <p>The reduction of one FTE Investigator III position would be a cost savings of approximately \$74,000.</p> <p>Reduction of a law enforcement position would also approximately reduce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle - \$9,000</li> <li>• Weapons &amp; Ammunition - \$1,000</li> <li>• Training - \$500</li> <li>• Uniforms &amp; Supplies - \$1,000</li> <li>• Desk, Chair, Computer, Office Phone, Cell Phone - \$3,000</li> </ul>
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*Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.*

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<b>AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS</b>	N/A
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*What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?*

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**FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Request for Repeal or Revision of Regulations</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS</b>	<b>The following requests pursuant to regulations governing the South Carolina State Ethics Commission will assist the agency in more efficiently and effectively serving the people of South Carolina with a special emphasis on those under the jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission.</b>
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*What is the expected savings to South Carolina’s businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repeal or revision of regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens. <input type="checkbox"/> Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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<b>METHOD OF CALCULATION</b>	N/A
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*Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.*

<b>REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES</b>	N/A
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*Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?*

<b>REDUCTION OF REGULATION</b>	<b>52-204C, 52-205A, B, and C, 52-601B, C and D, 52-607, 52-702(A),</b>
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*Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?*

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<p>Repeal of the above regulations will bring consistency to both the regulations and the Ethics Reform Act. Regulations were not repealed to reflect the requirement that filings be done electronically. The continued existence of these regulations has caused some confusion.</p> <p>Perhaps more importantly, the regulations refer to April 15 as the deadline for required filers to file his or her Statement of Economic Interests – this deadline is inconsistent with the updated deadline of March 30 and has caused some confusion.</p>
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*Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?*