



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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Changed the provisions of the House-passed version of the bill that enact a mechanism for the suspension of a public official charged with a felony by (R.C. 3.16): (1) having the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, instead of the Governor, appoint a special commission to consider the matter upon request of the prosecuting attorney or Attorney General, whoever is handling the criminal case; (2) revising the "voluntary suspension" procedure so that the suspension is by judgment entry signed by the judge presiding in the criminal case instead of by the Governor; (3) changing the composition of the special commission and specifying that it is an administrative agency; (4) requiring the special commission to issue a preliminary determination within a specified period of time and, if the preliminary determination is that the public official should be suspended, affording the public official with a right to contest the preliminary determination before the special commission; (5) requiring the special commission to make a final determination as to whether the public official should be suspended and issue a written report, and specifying that, if the report determines that the public official should be suspended from office, the determination is a holding of the special commission, the suspension takes effect immediately upon the issuance of the report, and the report and holding have the force and effect of a court judgment; (6) consistent with clause (5), removing the Governor from the suspension process; (7) expanding and clarifying the procedure pursuant to which a suspended public official may appeal the suspension to the Supreme Court; and (8) making other procedural, clarifying, or technical changes in the mechanism.

Added to the House-Passed version of the bill provisions that require former state elected officers and staff members who filed or were required to file financial disclosure statements to continue for a 24-month period to report specified information relating to certain income sources, gifts, and expenditures (R.C. 102.021, *et al*).

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* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.