

SENATE BILL No. 79

By Committee on Elections and Local Government

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9 AN ACT concerning the attorney general; establishing an office of public
10 integrity.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established within the office of the
14 attorney general the office of public integrity. Such office shall receive
15 the written complaints from individuals alleging violations of the open
16 records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto, and open
17 meetings act, K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and amendments thereto.

18 (b) Upon receipt of a complaint under subsection (a), the public in-
19 tegrity officer may:

20 (1) Refer the complaint to the appropriate county or district attor-
21 ney's office for investigation and possible action; or

22 (2) investigate the complaint to determine if a violation has occurred.
23 If, after investigation, the public integrity officer determines that:

24 (A) No action need be taken on the complaint, a letter shall be sent
25 to the parties detailing such officer's conclusions; or

26 (B) a violation has occurred, such officer's conclusion and underlying
27 reasons shall be made public in a written statement.

28 (c) On or before December 31, of each year, each county and district
29 attorney shall report to the attorney general all complaints received during
30 the preceding fiscal year concerning the open records act and open meet-
31 ings act and the disposition of each complaint.

32 (d) The attorney general shall compile information received pursuant
33 to this subsection with information relating to investigations conducted
34 by the public integrity office and publish a yearly abstract of such infor-
35 mation listing by name the public agencies which are the subject of such
36 complaints or investigations.

37 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
38 publication in the statute book.