

SB0761



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB0761

Introduced 2/1/2017, by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 420/3-203

from Ch. 127, par. 603-203

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides that when a legislator chooses to take official action on a matter despite the existence of a conflict situation, he or she shall (in addition to serving the public interest) also disclose that he or she is taking official action by either: (i) filing a statement with the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the Secretary of the Senate stating that he or she has a conflict regarding the specified legislative matter and that he or she is voting in the public interest; or (ii) stating on the record, during debate on the legislative matter, that he or she has a conflict regarding the legislative matter in question and that he or she is voting in the public interest.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended
5 by changing Section 3-203 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 420/3-203) (from Ch. 127, par. 603-203)

7 Sec. 3-203. When, despite the existence of a conflict
8 situation, a legislator chooses to take official action on a
9 matter, he or she should serve the public interest, and not the
10 interest of any person. The legislator shall also disclose that
11 he or she is taking official action by either: (i) filing a
12 statement with the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the
13 Secretary of the Senate, as applicable, stating that he or she
14 has a conflict regarding the specified legislative matter and
15 that he or she is voting in the public interest; or (ii)
16 stating on the record, during debate on the legislative matter,
17 that he or she has a conflict regarding the legislative matter
18 in question and that he or she is voting in the public
19 interest.

20 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)