

## State Ethics Commissions: Jurisdiction

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State ethics commissions are primarily responsible for enforcing government ethics laws. However, over whom a commission may exercise authority varies widely. Jurisdiction may include legislators, executive branch officials, candidates, state employees, employees of a particular branch, local officials, lobbyists, vendors or any combination thereof. In a few states, even judges may be subject to ethics commission oversight.

The chart on this page provides a quick guide the jurisdiction of state ethics commissions over specified branches of government and types of individuals. 'X' indicates that the commission has at least some authority. The bottom row of the table lists the total number of commissions in each state, plus D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, that exercise authority over a given group.

Note that a commission may have power over a group, but that power might be limited, such as for commissions that are authorized to give advisory opinions but cannot issue sanctions. States may also have more than one ethics or ethics-related commission. For additional information about the authority of each state ethics commission, refer to this table.

*This table is intended to provide general information and does not necessarily address all aspects of this topic. Because the facts of each situation may vary, this information may need to be supplemented by consulting legal advisors. All content is up to date through 12/17/2019.*

State	Commission Name & Citations	Legislative Branch	Executive Branch	Candidates	Local Officials	Lobbyists	Vendors
Alabama	State Ethics Commission (Ala. Code § 36-25-1 to Ala. Code § 36-25-30)	X	X	X	X	X	
Alaska	Select Committee on Legislative Ethics (AS § 24.60.130 to AS § 24.60.178)	X					
	Public Offices Commission (AS § 15.13.010; AS § 15.13.020; AS § 15.13.030; AS § 15.13.040; AS § 15.13.045)	X	X	X	X	X	
Arizona	No ethics commission						
Arkansas	State Ethics Commission (Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-217)	X	X	X	X	X	
California	Fair Political Practices Commission	X	X	X	X	X	

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	(CA Code §83100-83124)						
Colorado	State Independent Ethics Commission (CO Constitution Art. XXIX)	X	X		X	X	X
Connecticut	State Ethics Commission (C.G.S.A. § 1-79 to C.G.S.A. § 1-101rr)	X	X	X		X	X
Delaware	State Public Integrity Commission (29 Del.C. § 5801 to 5839)	X	X			X	
Florida	State Commission on Ethics (West's F.S.A. Const. Art. 2 § 8; West's F.S.A. § 112.311 to West's F.S.A. § 112.3261)	X	X	X	X	X	
Georgia	Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (Ga. Code Ann. § 21-5-4 to Ga. Code Ann. § 21-5-76)	X	X	X	X	X	
Guam	State Ethics Commission (4 G.C.A. § 15101; 4 G.C.A. § 15102)	X	X				
Hawaii	State Ethics Commission (HI Rev. Stat. § 84-2)	X	X	X			
Idaho	No ethics commission						
Illinois	Legislative Ethics Commission (5 ILCS 430/25-5)	X					
	Executive Ethics Commission (5 ILCS 430/20-5)		X			X	X
Indiana	State Ethics Commission (IC 4-2-6-2.5)		X	X		X	X

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	Lobby Registration Commission (IC 2-7-1.6-1)					X	
Iowa	Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board (I.C.A. § 68B.34A; I.C.A. § 68B.32A)	X (Jurisdiction limited)	X	X		X (Executive only)	
Kansas	Governmental Ethics Commission (Kan. Stat. Ann. § 46-253)	X	X	X		X	
Kentucky	Legislative Ethics Commission (KRS § 6.651; KRS § 6.666)	X				X	
	Executive Ethics Commission (KRS § 11A.060; KRS § 11A.010; KRS § 11A.050)		X	X		X	
Louisiana	State Board of Ethics (RSA 42:1132)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maine	Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (1 M.R.S.A. § 1008)	X		X		X	
Maryland	State Ethics Commission (MD Code, General Provisions, § 5-205)	X	X		X	X	X
Massachusetts	State Ethics Commission (M.G.L.A. 268B § 1 to M.G.L.A. 268B § 8)	X	X	X	X	X	
Michigan	State Board of Ethics (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 15.343)		X (State employees and appointed officials only.)				
Minnesota	Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (M.S.A. § 10A.022)	X	X	X	X	X	

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Mississippi	State Ethics Commission (Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-17; Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-19; Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-21)	X	X	X			
Missouri	State Ethics Commission MO Rev. Stat. § 105.955; MO Rev. Stat. § 105.450)	X	X	X		X	
Montana	Commissioner of Political Practices (MCA 13-37-111)	X	X	X	X	X	
Nebraska	Accountability and Disclosure Commission (Neb. Rev. St. § 49-14,123)	X	X	X		X	
Nevada	State Commission on Ethics (N.R.S. 281A.280; N.R.S. 281A.160)	X	X		X		
New Hampshire	No ethics commission						
New Jersey	Election Law Enforcement Commission (N.J.A.C. 19:25–1.7)	X	X	X	X		
	State Ethics Commission (N.J.A.C. 19:61–2.1)		X				
New Mexico	State Ethics Commission. (State constitutional amendment ballot via 2018 ballot measure mandated the creation of an ethics commission. SB 668	X	X	X		X	X

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	(2019) statutorily implemented the constitutional measure, set to take effect on 1/1/2020. Current as of 12/17/2019.)						
New York	Joint Commission on Public Ethics (N.Y. Exec. Law § 94)	X (limited)	X			X	
	State Legislative Ethics Commission Legislative Law § 80	X		X			
North Carolina	State Ethics Commission (N.C.G.S.A. § 163A-156; N.C.G.S.A. § 163A-152; N.C.G.S.A. § 163A-155)	X	X	X		X	
North Dakota	No ethics commission. A ballot measure was approved in November 2018 that required the creation of a government ethics commission. HB 1521 (2019) statutorily implemented the constitutional measure and will become effective on 1/5/2021. (Current as of 12/17/2019, codified at N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 54-66-01 through 54-66-16.)	X	X	X		X	
Ohio	State Ethics Commission (Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 102.06; R.C. § 102.02; R.C. § 102.01)		X	X			
Oklahoma	State Ethics Commission (OK Const. Art. 29, § 3)	X	X	X	X	X	
Oregon	Governmental Ethics Commission	X	X		X	X	

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	(O.R.S. § 171.776; O.R.S. § 171.772; O.R.S. § 171.778; O.R.S. § 171.756; 244.050)						
Pennsylvania	State Ethics Commission (65 Pa.C.S.A. § 1107; 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 1104)	X	X		X	X	
Puerto Rico	Office of Government Ethics (3 L.P.R.A. § 1855b; 3 L.P.R.A. § 1854)	X	X		X		
	State Election Commission (16 L.P.R.A. § 4012)	X	X	X	X		
	Procurement Programs Regulatory Board (3 L.P.R.A. § 933a)						X
Rhode Island	State Ethics Commission (36 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 36-14-8; Gen.Laws 1956, § 36-14-9; Gen.Laws 1956, § 36-14.1-4; Gen.Laws 1956, § 36-14-4)	X	X		X		X
South Carolina	State Ethics Commission (S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-320; Code 1976 § 8-13-540)	X	X	X	X	X	
South Dakota	State Government Accountability Board (S.D. Codified Laws § 3-24-3)		X				

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Tennessee	Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance (TN Code Ann. § 3-6-106)	X	X			X	
Texas	State Ethics Commission (V.T.C.A., Government Code § 571.061)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah	Independent Legislative Ethics Commission (Utah Const. art. VI, § 10)	X					
Vermont	State Ethics Commission (Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 3, § 1221)	X	X	X			
Virginia	Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council (VA Code Ann. § 30-356; VA Code Ann. § 30-355)	X	X		X	X	
Virgin Islands	No ethics commission						
Washington	State Legislative Ethics Board RCW 42.52.320	X					
	State Executive Ethics Board RCW 42.52.360		X				
	Public Disclosure Commission RCW 42.17A.105	X	X	X	X	X	
West Virginia	State Ethics Commission (W. Va. Code, § 6B-2-2; W. Va. Code Ann. § 6B-2-3)	X	X		X	X	
Wisconsin	State Ethics Commission (W.S.A. 19.48; W.S.A. 15.62; Wis. Stat. Ann. § 19.49)	X	X	X		X	

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Wyoming	No ethics commission						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>