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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Standardizes definitions of “member of the household” and “relative” for purposes of ethics laws.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 10, 2007 and Senate Bill 30, 2009, revised the definition “member of the household” and “relative” for the purpose of government ethics laws. Currently, “relative” is defined to mean the spouse of the public official or candidate; any children of the public official or of the public official’s spouse; any children of the candidate or of the candidate’s spouse; siblings, spouses of siblings or parents of the public official or of the public official’s spouse; siblings, spouses of siblings or parents of the candidate or of the candidate’s spouse.

House Bill 2079 standardizes the definition of “relative” to mean: the spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, stepsibling or in-law of the public official or candidate and the parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, stepsibling or in-law of the spouse of the public official or candidate.