

# Senate Bill 63

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## SUMMARY

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Extends maximum amount of time person may serve as member of Oregon Government Ethics Commission from one full four-year term to two full four-year terms.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to composition of Oregon Government Ethics Commission; amending ORS 244.250.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 244.250 is amended to read:

5 244.250. (1) The Oregon Government Ethics Commission is established, consisting of nine mem-  
6 bers. The appointment of a member of the commission is subject to confirmation by the Senate in  
7 the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565. Members shall be appointed in the following  
8 manner:

9 (a) The Governor shall appoint eight members from among persons recommended, two each by  
10 the leadership of the Democratic and Republican parties in each house of the Legislative Assembly.  
11 If a person recommended by the leadership of the Democratic or Republican party is not approved  
12 by the Governor, the leadership shall recommend another person.

13 (b) The Governor shall appoint one member without leadership recommendation.

14 (2) A person who holds any public office listed in ORS 244.050 (1) except as a member of the  
15 commission may not be appointed to the commission. No more than three members may be members  
16 of the same political party.

17 (3) The term of office of a member is four years. A member is not eligible to be appointed to  
18 more than *[one]* **two** full *[term]* **terms** but may **additionally** serve out an unexpired term. Vacancies  
19 shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term.

20 (4) The commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson for such terms and duties as  
21 the commission may require.

22 (5) A quorum consists of five members but a final decision may not be made without an affir-  
23 mative vote of a majority of the members appointed to the commission.

24 (6) Members shall be entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

25 (7) The commission may retain or appoint qualified legal counsel who must be a member of the  
26 Oregon State Bar and who is responsible to the commission. The appointment of legal counsel under  
27 this subsection may be made only when the commission finds it is inappropriate and contrary to the  
28 public interest for the office of the Attorney General to represent concurrently more than one public  
29 official or agency in any matter before the commission because the representation:

30 (a) Would create or tend to create a conflict of interest; and

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (b) Is not subject to ORS 180.230 or 180.235.

2 (8) The Attorney General may not represent before the commission any state public official who  
3 is the subject of any complaint or action of the commission at the commission's own instigation.

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