

SCONRES 82

A concurrent resolution to establish a procedure for the appointment of independent Congressional Ethics Office to investigate ethics violations in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Congress

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Establishes in the legislative branch the Congressional Ethics Office, headed by a Congressional Ethics Officer, which shall: (1) make informal preliminary inquiries in response to requests for reviews of allegations of improper conduct or a violation of law or House or Senate regulations; (2) report to the Members of Congress and the Department of Justice any finding of probable cause that a violation of ethics rules has occurred; (3) if warranted, conduct full investigations of such allegations; (4) report on investigations to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics or the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct; and (5) report to Congress on ethics complaints, ethics investigations, and recommendations for changes to ethics regulations.

Requires a request for review to be accompanied by a sworn statement of facts. Authorizes the Officer to refer false statements to the Attorney General for prosecution. Sets penalties for knowingly filing or encouraging another to file a false complaint. Bans filings close to an election.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 28, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1552)
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