

SENATE No. 1461

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Relative to Ethics Reform..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. “Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary there is hereby
2 established a special commission to investigate and make recommendations on the formation of
3 a single entity for the enforcement of integrity and oversight of campaign finance and lobbying.
4 Said commission shall consist of thirteen members; four appointed by the governor, one of
5 which shall be the Secretary of Administration and Finance who shall also serve as the chair, one
6 of which shall be the Governor’s Legal Counsel, and two of which shall be an persons with
7 experience in ethics and public integrity; three members to be appointed by the President of the
8 Senate, one of which shall be the chair of the Senate Committee of Ethics, and one of which shall
9 be a member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; three members to be appointed by
10 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of which shall be the House Chair of the
11 Committee on Ethics, and one of which shall be a member appointed by the Minority Leader of
12 the House; the Secretary of State or his designee; the Attorney General or her designee; and the
13 Inspector General.

14 The Commission should issue recommendations, together with any proposed legislation,
15 for transitioning to a single independent entity covering ethics, campaign finance and lobbying
16 with said entity being formed under the auspices of the Office of the Attorney General. Said
17 recommendations shall be filed with the clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives
18 not later than four months after the passage of this act.

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