



## SENATE RESOLUTION 17-004

BY SENATOR(S) Grantham, Baumgardner, Cooke, Crowder, Gardner, Martinez Humenik, Zenzinger.

CONCERNING THE APPROVAL BY THE SENATE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. LEONE TO THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Section 5 (2)(a)(I) of article XXIX of the state constitution requires the Colorado Senate to appoint one member to the Independent Ethics Commission created in section 5 (1) of said article, hereafter referred to as the "Commission", and section 24-18.5-101 (2)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, directs the Senate President to appoint that member with the approval of two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to such authority, Senate President Grantham has appointed William "Bill" Leone to serve as the Senate appointee to the Commission for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Bill Leone, who is affiliated with the Republican Party, currently serves on the Commission, having been appointed by Governor John Hickenlooper to a four-year term that will expire June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, While serving as a commissioner over the course of his term, Bill Leone has exercised thoughtfulness, sound judgment, fairness, and courtesy in his approach to matters before the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Bill Leone has demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities and commendable temperament while serving as the chairman of the Commission over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Leone is also an experienced trial attorney at Norton

Rose Fulbright law firm in Denver, where he is a partner and the head of the firm's litigation department; and

WHEREAS, Bill Leone has previously served as the United States Attorney for the District of Colorado from 2004 to 2006 and in the United States Department of Justice from 2001 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Bill Leone's considerable legal career and sensitivity to the shortcomings of the legal profession, the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court appointed Bill Leone to serve on the Chief Justice's Commission on the Legal Profession, focusing on, among other goals, service to others; and

WHEREAS, Bill Leone has brought his extensive legal experience and considerable practical wisdom to his role as a commissioner on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, On the basis of his ongoing dedicated service and experience as a commissioner on the Independent Ethics Commission, his extensive legal experience, his knowledge, integrity, and admirable personal characteristics, Bill Leone has demonstrated the qualifications that will allow him to continue serving as a respected member of the Commission in an exemplary manner and in a way that will reflect well upon the Colorado Senate, the Colorado General Assembly, and the State of Colorado; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

That the Senate hereby approves President Grantham's appointment of William "Bill" Leone to the Independent Ethics Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2021.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Senate Resolution be sent to the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission and to the Executive Director of the Independent Ethics Commission, Dino Ioannides, at 1300 Broadway, Suite 240, Denver, Colorado 80203.

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PRESIDENT OF  
THE SENATE

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