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**SENATE RESOLUTION 17-004**

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

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

8             WHEREAS, Pursuant to such authority, Senate President  
9     Grantham has appointed William "Bill" Leone to serve as the Senate  
10    appointee to the Commission for a four-year term commencing July 1,  
11    2017; and

12            WHEREAS, Bill Leone, who is affiliated with the Republican  
13    Party, currently serves on the Commission, having been appointed by  
14    Governor John Hickenlooper to a four-year term that will expire June 30,  
15    2017; and

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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

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

8           WHEREAS, Bill Leone is also an experienced trial attorney at  
9 Norton Rose Fulbright law firm in Denver, where he is a partner and the  
10 head of the firm's litigation department; and

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

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

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

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

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

32           That the Senate hereby approves President Grantham's  
33 appointment of William "Bill" Leone to the Independent Ethics

1 Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30,  
2 2021.

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