

Regular Session, 2008

SENATE BILL NO. 53

BY SENATOR SHAW

ETHICS. Provides that any complaint filed anonymously with the Board of Ethics shall not be investigated or addressed by the board. (8/15/08)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 42:1141(B)(1)(c), relative to ethics complaints; to provide that the Board of
3 Ethics shall not investigate or otherwise address anonymous complaints; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:1141(B)(1)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1141. Procedure

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9 B. Complaints (1) * * *

10 **(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Subsection, the board**
11 **shall neither accept, consider, nor investigate any complaint that does not**
12 **contain information identifying the complainant, including the complainant's**
13 **name and contact information.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

DIGEST

Shaw (SB 53)

Present law provides that the Board of Ethics shall consider any signed sworn complaint. Present law also provides that the board may by a 2/3 majority vote of its membership consider any other matter that it believes is an ethics violation, or may consider any matter that it believes may be a violation of any other provision of law within its jurisdiction.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law the board shall not accept, consider, or investigate any complaint that does not contain information identifying the complainant, including the complainant's name and contact information.

Effective August 15, 2008.

(Adds R.S. 42:1141(B)(1)(c))