

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

HB 190, relative to financial disclosures by legislators.

Hearing Date: April 14, 2021

Time Opened: 11:07 a.m.

Time Closed: 11:09 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Reagan, Ricciardi, Cavanaugh and Prentiss

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill requires that the legislative ethics financial disclosure form for members and officers of the general court shall only be filed in January of the first year of the biennium.

Sponsors:

Rep. Gordon

Rep. Wall

Who supports the bill: Representative Ned Gordon (Grafton – District 9), Patricia Anastasia, and Eric Pauer.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Ned Gordon

Grafton – District 9

- Representative Gordon said that HB 190 is a simple bill. He said that while the financial disclosure form, currently required by the third Friday in January of each year, is an important form, it is inconvenient for many and it is hard to ensure that everyone fills it out. He did note that legislators do have an obligation to update their form if their financial situation changes.
- Rep. Gordon said that, under HB 190, instead of the form being filed yearly, it would only be filed at the beginning of a legislative session in the first year of the biennium.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 16, 2021