

Summary

State Ethics Commissions

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Ethics commissions are used by many states to oversee state laws on ethical practices in government. How they are structured and what roles they play varies widely between states.

Some ethics commissions have broad authority over ethics in government, including campaign finance and lobbying regulation. Some share authority over areas like campaign finance and lobbying with other entities, like the secretary of state or other commissions. Others focus solely on governmental ethics. Some ethics commissions also have rulemaking authority, whether the power to pass substantive ethics rules and regulations or a limited power over administrative and filing procedures. Other common commission duties and powers include providing advisory opinions on ethical issues, administering ethics training to public officials and investigating ethics complaints.

Different government officials and employees may be overseen by separate ethics commissions. States often have separate executive and legislative commissions. Furthermore, in some states ethics commissions do not oversee legislators and legislative staff. In those states, internal ethics committees within the legislature serve that role.

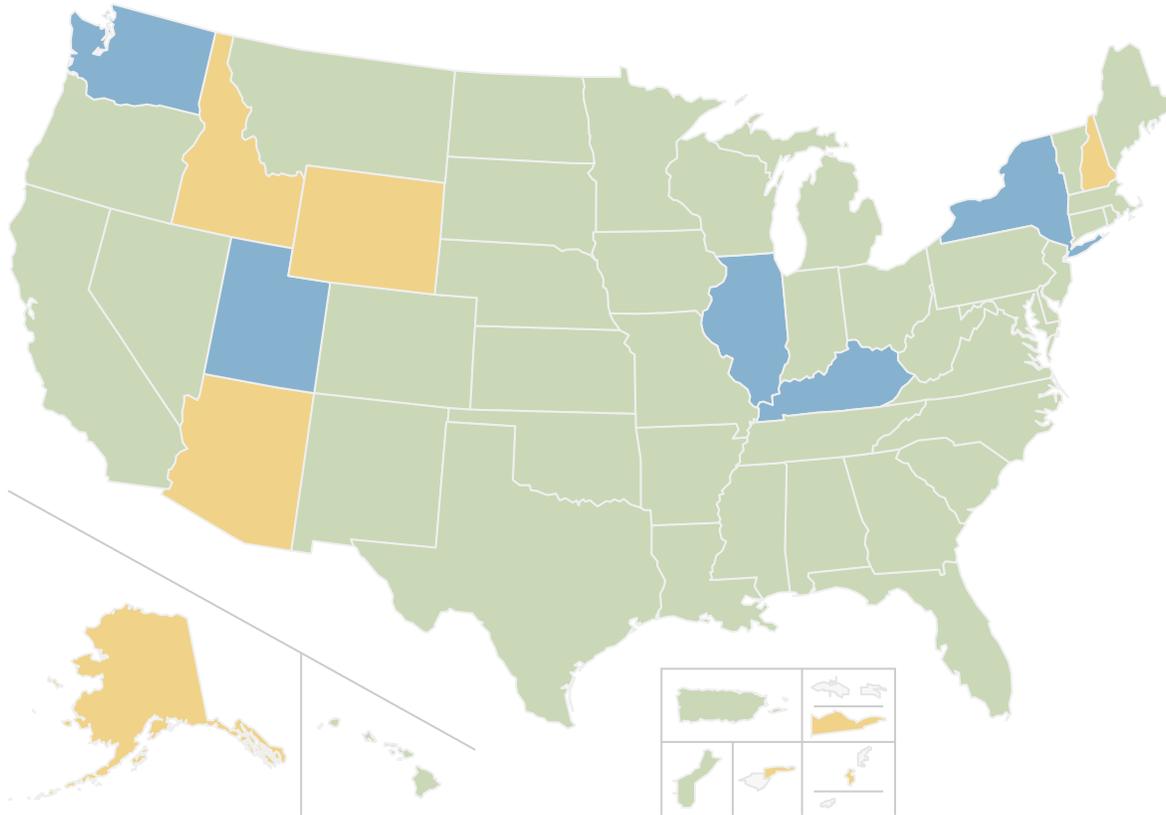
Commission membership and structures differ from state to state. Common differentiators include who appoints commissioners, the number of commissioners, what qualifications commissioners must meet and the length of commissioners' terms.

This webpage contains two tables. The first table covers which powers and duties are given to each state's ethics commission. The second table summarizes the structure of each state's ethics commission. These tables are limited to information provided in statute and do not reflect any further duties that may be granted to commissions in regulations or legislative rules.

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State Ethics Commissions



- One Ethics Commission
- Multiple Ethics Commissions
- No Ethics Commission

Ethics Commissions' Powers and Duties

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Alabama Ethics Commission	X	X	X	X	X	X

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Ala. Code §§ 36-25-3, 36-25-4						
Alaska No state ethics commission						
American Samoa No ethics commission						
Arizona No state ethics commission						
Arkansas Ethics Commission Ark. Stat. Ann. § 7-6-217	X	X	X		X	X
California Fair Political Practices Commission Cal. Gov. Code § 83100 et seq.	X	X	X		X	X
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission Colo. Const. art. XXIX, § 5, Colo.		X	X		X	

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Rev. Stat. § 24-18.5-101						
Connecticut Office of State Ethics Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-80		X	X	X	X	X
Delaware State Public Integrity Commission Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, § 5808 et seq.			X	X	X	X
District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability D.C. Code Ann. § 1-1162.02 et seq.		X		X	X	
Florida Commission on Ethics Fla. Stat. § 112.320 et seq.		X	X			X
Georgia State Ethics Commission	X	X	X		X	X

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Ga. Code § 21-5-4 et seq.						
Guam Ethics Commission Guam Code tit. 4 § 15301 et seq.		X	X	X	X	
Hawaii State Ethics Commission Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 84-21 et seq.		X	X	X	X	X
Idaho No state ethics commission						
Illinois Legislative Ethics Commission Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 5, § 430/25-5 et seq.		X		X	X	
Indiana State Ethics Commission Ind. Code § 4-2-6-2 et seq.		X	X		X	

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Illinois Executive Ethics Commission Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 5, § 430/20-5 et seq.		X	X	X	X	
Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board Iowa Code § 68B.32 et seq.	X	X	X		X	X
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission Kan. Stat. Ann. § 46-253 et seq.	X	X	X			X
Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission Ky. Rev. Stat. § 6.651 et seq.		X	X		X	X
Kentucky Executive Branch Ethics Commission Ky. Rev. Stat. § 11A.110		X		X	X	X

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
<p>Louisiana Board of Ethics</p> <p>La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 42:1132 et seq.</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices</p> <p>Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 1, § 1002 et seq.</p>	X	X		X		X
<p>Maryland State Ethics Commission</p> <p>Md. Gen. Code Ann. § 5-201 et seq.</p>		X	X	X	X	X
<p>Massachusetts State Ethics Commission</p> <p>Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 268B, § 2 et seq.</p>		X	X	X	X	
<p>Michigan State Board of Ethics</p>			X			

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Mich. Comp. Laws § 15.343						
Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board Minn. Stat. § 10A.02 et seq.	X	X	X		X	X
Mississippi Ethics Commission Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-5 et seq.	X		X		X	
Missouri Ethics Commission Mo. Rev. Stat. § 105.955	X	X	X			X
Montana Commissioner of Political Practices Mont. Code Ann. §§ 13-37-114, 2-2-136	X	X			X	
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission	X	X	X		X	X

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 49-14,123, 49-1445 et seq., 49-1480 et seq.						
Nevada Commission on Ethics Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 281A.240, 281A.290		X	X		X	
New Hampshire No state ethics commission						
New Jersey State Ethics Commission N.J. Rev. Stat. §§ 52:13C-1 et seq., 52:13D-21		X	X	X	X	X
New Mexico State Ethics Commission N.M. Const. Art 5, § 17 N.M. Stat. Ann. § 10-16G-5	X	X	X	X	X	X
New York Legislative		X	X	X	X	

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Ethics Commission N.Y. Leg. Law § 80						
New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government N.Y. Exec. Law § 94 N.Y. Leg. Law § 1-d		X	X	X	X	X
North Carolina State Ethics Commission N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 138A-10, 138A-45		X	X	X	X	
North Dakota Ethics Commission N.D. Cent. Code § 54-66-01 et seq.		X	X		X	X
Ohio Ethics Commission Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 102.08			X			

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<p>Oklahoma Ethics Commission</p> <p>Okla. Const. Art. 29, § 3</p> <p>Okla. Stat. tit. 74, §§ 4249, 4262</p>	X	X			X	X
<p>Oregon Government Ethics Commission</p> <p>Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 171.722, 244.250 et seq.</p>		X	X	X	X	X
<p>Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission</p> <p>Pa. Stat. tit. 65, §§ 1107, 1109, 13A08</p>		X	X		X	X
<p>Puerto Rico Office of Government Ethics</p> <p>P.R. Stat. § 1855b</p>		X	X	X	X	
<p>Rhode Island Ethics Commission</p>		X	X	X	X	

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-8 et seq.						
South Carolina Ethics Commission S.C. Code Ann. §§ 2-17-20 8-13-100 et seq,	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Dakota Government Accountability Board S.D. Codified Laws Ann. § 3-24-8					X	
Tennessee Ethics Commission Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-101 et seq.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Texas Ethics Commission Tex. Gov. Code Ann. § 571.001 et seq.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah Independent Legislative Ethics Commission						

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Utah Const. Art. 6 § 10						
Utah Executive Branch Ethics Commission Utah Code Ann. § 63A-14-303						
Utah Political Subdivision Ethics Review Commission Utah Code Ann. § 63A-15-302						
Utah Judicial Conduct Commission Utah Const. Art 8, § 13					X	
Vermont State Ethics Commission Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 3, §§ 1224, 1225			X	X		
Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council		X	X	X	X	X

State or State Commission	Campaign Finance	Rule Making Authority	Advisory Opinions	Ethics Training	Enforcement	Lobbying
Va. Code § 30-355 et seq.						
Virgin Islands No ethics commission						
Washington State Legislative Ethics Board Wash. Rev. Code § 42.52.320		X	X	X	X	
Washington Public Disclosure Commission Wash. Rev. Code §§ 42.17A.100 et seq., 42.17A.600 et seq., 42.17A.755	X	X			X	X
Washington Executive Ethics Board Wash. Rev. Code § 42.52.360		X	X	X	X	
West Virginia Ethics		X	X	X	X	X

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Commission W. Va. Code § 6B-2-1						
Wisconsin Ethics Commission Wis. Stat. §§ 11.1304, 13.685, 19.41 et seq.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wyoming No state ethics commission						

Ethics Commissions' Structure and Appointment Process

State or State Commission	Number of Members	Membership Requirements	Member Term Lengths
Alabama Ethics Commission Ala. Code § 36-25-3	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members appointed by the governor, speaker and either the lieutenant governor or the presiding officer of the Senate. <p>Members must always include one Black member, one licensed attorney and one former elected official who served at least two terms.</p>	Five-year staggered terms.
Alaska No state ethics commission			

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<p>American Samoa</p> <p>No ethics commission</p>			
<p>Arizona</p> <p>No state ethics commission</p>			
<p>Arkansas Ethics Commission</p> <p>Ark. Stat. Ann. § 7-6-217</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member appointed by the governor. • One member appointed by the attorney general. • One member appointed by the lieutenant governor. • One member appointed by the speaker. • One member appointed by the president pro tem. 	<p>Five-year terms.</p> <p>No member may serve consecutive terms.</p>
<p>California Fair Political Practices Commission</p> <p>Cal. Gov. Code § 83100 et seq.</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair and one member appointed by the governor and must be members of different parties. • One member appointed by the attorney general. • One member appointed by the secretary of state. • One member appointed by the controller. <p>No more than three members may be of same political party.</p>	<p>Four-year terms.</p> <p>No member may be reappointed if appointed at the beginning of a term.</p>

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<p>Colorado Independent Ethics Commission</p> <p>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 24-18.5-101</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member appointed by the Senate. • One member appointed by the House. • One member appointed by the governor. • One member appointed by the chief justice. • One member who is a local govt official or employee appointed by a vote of three of the four other members. <p>No more than two may be affiliated with same party. All must be registered voters.</p>	Four-year staggered terms.

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<p>Connecticut Office of State Ethics</p> <p>Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-80</p>	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member appointed by the speaker. • One member appointed by the president pro tem. • One member appointed by the Senate majority leader. • One member appointed by the Senate minority leader. • One member appointed by the House majority leader. • One member appointed by the House minority leader. • Three members appointed by the governor. <p>No more than five members may be affiliated with the same party. All must be registered voters. May not hold a campaign, have held office with in the last three years or be a lobbyist.</p>	Four-year terms.
<p>Delaware State Public Integrity Commission</p> <p>Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, § 5808</p>	7 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed by the governor. <p>No more than four may be affiliated with same party. No member may be in an elected or appointed office.</p>	<p>Seven-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may be reappointed if they have served a full term.</p>
<p>District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed by the mayor. <p>No more than three may be affiliated with the same party.</p>	Six-year staggered terms.

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<p>Florida Commission on Ethics</p> <p>Fla. Stat. § 112.321</p>	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five members appointed by the governor. No more than three of them may be from the same party. Two members from different parties appointed by the speaker. Two members from different parties appointed by the Senate president. <p>No more than five of the members may be of the same political party. No member may be a public employee or lobbyist.</p>	<p>Two-year terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.</p>
<p>Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission</p> <p>Ga. Code § 21-5-4</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three members appointed by the governor. No more than two may be from same political party. One member appointed by the senate committee on assignments. One member appointed by the speaker. <p>Members must be residents of the state. No member may have run or held office within five years prior to appointment.</p>	<p>Four-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member shall serve more than one full term.</p>
<p>Guam</p> <p>Guam Code tit. 4 § 15301</p>	7 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members appointed by the governor. <p>Members must be U.S. citizens and residents of Guam.</p>	<p>Four-year terms.</p> <p>No person may serve more than two consecutive terms.</p>
<p>Hawaii State Ethics Commission</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members appointed by the governor from a panel of 10 people chosen by the judicial council. 	<p>Four-year terms.</p>

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Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 84-21		Members must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of the state. Members may not hold public office.	No member may be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.
Idaho No state ethics commission			
Illinois Legislative Ethics Commission Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 5, § 430/25-5	8 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members appointed by the Senate president. • Two members appointed by the Senate minority leader. • Two members appointed by the speaker. • Two members appointed by the House minority leader. <p>Commissioners must have public office or employment experience.</p>	Four-year staggered terms.
Illinois Executive Ethics Commission Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 5, § 430/20-5	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five members appointed by the Governor. • One member appointed by the Attorney General. • One member appointed by the Secretary of State. • One member appointed by the Comptroller. • One member appointed by the Treasurer. <p>No more than five members may be of the same political party. Members may not be convicted felons. Members may</p>	Four-year staggered terms.

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		not be a current state officer or employee and may not have been engaged in lobbying in the prior year.	
Indiana State Ethics Commission Ind. Code § 4-2-6-2	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed by the governor. No more than three members may be from same political party.	Four-year terms.
Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board Iowa Code § 68B.32	6 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed by the governor. No more than four members may be of the same political affiliation.	Six-year staggered terms.
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission Kan. Stat. Ann. § 25-4119a	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members from different parties appointed by the governor. • One member appointed by the president of the Senate. • One member appointed by the speaker. • One member appointed by the minority leader of the House. • One member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. • One member appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court. • One member appointed by the attorney general. • One member appointed by the secretary of state. Not more than five members may be of the same political party.	Two-year terms.

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<p>Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission</p> <p>Ky. Rev. Stat. § 6.651</p>	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four members appointed by the president of the Senate. • Four members appointed by the speaker. • One member appointed by the Legislative Research Commission. <p>No member of the General Assembly shall be eligible for appointment to the commission. Members must be a citizen of the U.S. and of the state. No member may be a public servant, candidate, lobbyist or a spouse or child of the prior. At least three members must be of the largest minority party in the state.</p>	Four-year staggered terms.
<p>Kentucky Executive Branch Ethics Commission</p> <p>Ky. Rev. Stat. § 11A.060</p>	7 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members appointed by the Governor. • One member appointed by the Treasurer. • One member appointed by the Auditor of Public Accounts. • One member appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture. • One member appointed by the Secretary of State. • One member appointed by the Attorney General. <p>Members must be registered voters of the state.</p>	Four-year staggered terms
<p>Louisiana Board of Ethics</p> <p>La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 42:1132</p>	11 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven members appointed by the governor. At least one member shall be appointed from each congressional district. Of those seven, the governor shall appoint 	Five-year staggered terms.

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		<p>at least three members that have been licensed to practice law in this state for at least eight years at the time of his appointment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members elected by the House. • Two members elected by the Senate. <p>No member may be an elected official or public employee within six months prior to appointment. No member may be a lobbyist within two years prior to appointment.</p>	<p>No member may be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.</p>
<p>Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices</p> <p>Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 1, § 1002</p>	<p>5 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed by the governor from lists prepared by the senate and house caucus leaders. <p>No more than two members may be of the same party. A member may not be a current or former member of the legislature or a candidate for office within 2 years prior to appointment.</p>	<p>Three year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.</p>
<p>Maryland State Ethics Commission</p> <p>Md. Gen. Code Ann. § 5-202</p>	<p>5 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three members appointed by the governor, at least one of whom shall be a member of the principal political party of which the governor is not a member. • One member appointed by the president of the Senate. • One member appointed by the speaker of the House. <p>A member may not be a lobbyist or an elected or appointed official.</p>	<p>Five-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two full consecutive terms.</p>

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<p>Massachusetts State Ethics Commission</p> <p>Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 268B, § 2</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three members appointed by the governor. At least two members must be of different political parties. • One member appointed by the state secretary. • One member appointed by the attorney general. <p>No member shall be a candidate or hold public office within one year prior to appointment.</p>	<p>Five-year terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than one full term.</p>
<p>Michigan State Board of Ethics</p> <p>Mich. Comp. Laws § 15.344</p>	7 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed by the governor. <p>Not more than four members of the board shall be members of the same political party. Members must be a resident of the state and not associated with any public employment.</p>	Four-year staggered terms.
<p>Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board</p> <p>Minn. Stat. §§ 10A.02, 15.0575</p>	6 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed by the governor. <p>Two members must be former members of the legislature who support different political parties. Two members have not been public officials, held any political party office other than precinct delegate, or been elected to public office for which party designation is required by statute in the three years preceding the date of their appointment. The other two members must support different political parties. No more than three of the members of the board may support the same</p>	Four-year staggered terms.

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		political party. No member of the board may currently serve as a lobbyist.	
<p>Mississippi Ethics Commission</p> <p>Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-5</p>	8 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members appointed by the governor, • Two members appointed by the lieutenant governor. • Two members appointed by the Speaker. • Two members appointed by the chief justice. <p>Not more than one person appointed by each appointing authority shall be an elected official. Each member shall be a qualified elector of the state and be of good moral character and integrity.</p>	Four-year staggered terms.
<p>Missouri Ethics Commission</p> <p>Mo. Rev. Stat. § 105.955</p>	6 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed by the governor. <p>Each congressional district committee of the political parties having the two highest number of votes cast for their candidate for governor at the last gubernatorial election shall submit two names of eligible nominees for membership on the commission to the governor, and the governor shall select six members from such nominees to serve on the commission. Not more than three members of the commission shall be members of the same political party, nor shall more than one member be from any one U.S. congressional district. A person must be a citizen and a resident of the state and shall have been a registered voter in the state for a</p>	Four-year terms.

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		period of at least five years preceding the person's appointment.	
<p>Montana Commissioner of Political Practices</p> <p>Mont. Code Ann. §§ 13-37-102, 13-37-103</p>	One commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed by the governor from a list provided by the legislature. 	Six-year term. May not be reappointed.
<p>Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission</p> <p>Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 49-14,105, 49-14,111</p>	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four members appointed by the governor. One member from lists provided by the legislature and two members from the citizenry at large. The secretary of state is a member. Four members appointed by the secretary of state. One member from each list proved by the Democrat and Republican state chairs and two members from the citizenry at large. <p>No more than three members may be from the same congressional district.</p>	Six-year staggered terms.
<p>Nevada Commission on Ethics</p> <p>Nev. Rev. Stat. § 281A.200</p>	8 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four members appointed by the legislative commission. Four members appointed by the governor. <p>Each appointing body shall select residents of the state, at least two of which are former public officers or employees and at least one who is a licensed attorney in the state. Not more than four members may be of the same</p>	Four-year terms. No member may serve more than two consecutive full terms.

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		political party. None may hold public office or work on a campaign.	
New Hampshire No state ethics commission			
New Jersey State Ethics Commission N.J. Rev. Stat. § 52:13D-21	7 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three members appointed by the governor among state officers and employees serving in the executive branch. Four appointed by the governor among public members not more than two of whom shall be of the same political party. 	Four-year staggered terms.
New Mexico State Ethics Commission N.M. Const. Art 5, § 17 N.M. Stat. Ann. § 10-16G-3	7 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One member who is a retired judge appointed by the governor. One member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate. One member appointed by the minority floor leader of the Senate. One member appointed by the speaker. One member appointed by the minority floor leader of the House. Two members of different political parties appointed by the four legislatively appointed members. <p>No more than three members may be of the same party</p>	Four-year staggered terms. No member may serve more than two consecutive full terms.
New York Legislative	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One member who is a legislator appointed by the temporary 	Two-year terms for legislators.

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<p>Ethics Commission</p> <p>N.Y. Leg. Law § 80</p>		<p>president of the Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member who is a legislator appointed by the speaker. • One member who is a legislator appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. • One member who is a legislator appointed by the minority leader of the Assembly. • One member appointed by the temporary president of the Senate. • One member appointed by the speaker of the Assembly. • One member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. • One member appointed by the minority leader of the Assembly. • One member appointed jointly by the speaker of the Assembly and majority leader of the Senate. <p>Members who are not a legislator may not be a current or former legislator, candidate for the legislature or an employee of the legislature. A member may not have been a lobbyist in the five years prior to appointment.</p>	<p>Four-year terms for members who are not legislators.</p>
<p>New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government</p> <p>N.Y. Exec. Law § 94</p>	<p>11 Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three members nominated by the governor. • Two members nominated by the temporary president of the Senate. • One member nominated by the minority leader of the Senate • Two members nominated by the speaker. 	<p>Four-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two full consecutive terms.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member nominated by the minority leader of the Assembly. • One member nominated by the attorney general. • One member nominated by the comptroller. <p>Nominations are reviewed by an independent review committee. No member may have been a legislator, legislative or state employee, statewide elected official, commissioner, state officer or lobbyist in the two years prior to appointment.</p>	
<p>North Carolina State Ethics Commission</p> <p>N.C. Gen. Stat. § 138A-7</p>	8 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four members appointed by the governor. No more than two may be from the same political party. • Two members of different parties appointed by the speaker. • Two members of different parties appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. <p>No member may be a candidate, public employee or a political party chair. No member may be involved in an organization as an employee, lobbyist, contractor or legal counsel that has been involved electioneering 48 months prior to nomination.</p>	<p>Four-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two consecutive full terms.</p>
<p>North Dakota Ethics Commission</p> <p>N.D. Cent. Code Const. Art. 14, § 3</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed with consensus of the governor, majority leader of the Senate and minority leader of the Senate. 	Four-year staggered terms.

State or State Commission	Number of Members	Membership Requirements	Member Term Lengths
N.D. Cent. Code § 54-66-04		No member of the ethics commission may hold other public office or be a lobbyist, candidate for public office, or political party official.	
Ohio Ethics Commission Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 102.5	6 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed by the governor. <p>Members shall consist of three from each major political party. No member may be a public officer, legislative agent or a lobbyist.</p>	
Oklahoma Ethics Commission Okla. Const. Art. 29, § 1	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member appointed by the governor. • One member appointed by the attorney general. • One member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate. • One member appointed by the speaker. • One member appointed by the chief justice. <p>No more than three members may have the same political registration. All members must be registered voters. No congressional district may be represented by more than one member.</p>	<p>Five-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two consecutive full terms.</p>

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<p>Oregon Government Ethics Commission</p> <p>Or. Rev. Stat. § 244.250</p>	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member appointed by the governor. • Eight members appointed by the governor from recommendations by the democratic and republican leadership of each chamber. <p>No more than three members may be of the same political party. A member may not hold public office.</p>	<p>Four-year terms.</p> <p>A member may not serve more than two full terms.</p>
<p>Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission</p> <p>Pa. Stat. tit. 65, § 1106</p>	7 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three members appointed by the governor. No more than two may be of the same political party. • One member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate. • One member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. • One member appointed by the speaker. • One member appointed by the minority leader of the House. <p>No member may have served as an officer in a political party one year prior to appointment. No member may hold or campaign for public office, hold office in any political party or political committee, lobby or be a public employee.</p>	<p>Three-year terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two full terms.</p>
<p>Puerto Rico Office of Government Ethics</p>	One executive director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The director is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and House. 	<p>Ten-year term.</p> <p>No director may serve more than one term.</p>

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P.R. Stat. Title 3 § 1855a		The director may not have been a candidate in the prior four years. Must be a Puerto Rico and United States citizen.	
Rhode Island Ethics Commission R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-8	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four members appointed by the governor. • Five members appointed by the governor selecting one member from each list provided by the president of the Senate, minority leader of the Senate, speaker, majority leader of the House and the minority leader of the House. <p>No member may hold or campaign for public office, hold office in any political party or political committee, lobby or held elective public office or have been a candidate for elective public office for a one-year period prior to appointment. No member may have any equity interest or ownership interest in, or be employed by, a business entity that derives any of its revenue or income by engaging in lobbying.</p>	Five-year staggered terms. No member may serve more than one full term.
South Carolina Ethics Commission S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-310	8 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four members appointed by the governor. No more than two may be members of the governor's political party. • Two members appointed by the Senate, one upon the recommendation of the members of the majority political party in the Senate and one upon the recommendation of the members of the largest minority political party in the Senate. 	Five-year staggered terms. Members may not serve more than one full term.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two members appointed by the House of Representatives, one upon the recommendation of the members of the majority political party in the House and one upon the recommendation of the members of the largest minority political party in the House. <p>Members may not be legislators, former legislators in the previous eight years, have contributed to the governor's campaign in the previous four years or a person under the jurisdiction of the ethics commission. A member may not be a family member of a legislator or a statewide elected official. Appointing authorities shall ensure geographic and political balance of appointees.</p>	
<p>South Dakota Government Accountability Board</p> <p>S.D. Codified Laws Ann. §§ 3-24-1, 3-24-2</p>	4 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members appointed by the governor. <p>Members must be former or retired circuit court judges or supreme court justices. No more than two members may be of the same political party.</p>	Five-year staggered terms.
<p>Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance</p> <p>Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-103</p>	6 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two members appointed the governor. One member each from the majority and minority parties. Two members appointed by the speaker of the senate. One selected from each list submitted by the majority and minority caucuses. Two members appointed by the speaker of the house. One selected from each list submitted by the majority and minority caucuses. 	Four-year staggered terms.

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		<p>At least one member must be a female member. At least one member must be Black. A Black female member shall not satisfy the requirement of one female member and one Black member. No member may hold public office, be a public employee, be an officer of a political party or lobby. Members must be at least 30 years old, be a registered voter, not be a felon and have resided in the state for at least five years.</p>	
<p>Texas Ethics Commission</p> <p>Tex. Const. Art. 3 § 24a</p> <p>Tex. Gov. Code Ann. § 571.0231</p>	<p>8 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members appointed by the governor. Two members must be selected from each list provided by members of the House, members of the Senate, the speaker and the lieutenant governor. Members selected from each list must be from different political parties. <p>Each of the above list of names must include at least 10 names. Members may not be lobbyists.</p>	<p>Four-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than one full term.</p>
<p>Utah Independent Legislative Ethics Commission</p> <p>Utah Const. Art. 6, § 10</p> <p>Utah JR6-2-103</p>	<p>5 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two former state judges nominated with the mutual consent of the Senate President and Speaker of the House. One former state judge nominated with the mutual consent of the Senate and House minority leaders. One former legislator who served at least four years prior appointed with the mutual consent of the Senate President and Speaker of the House. One former legislator who served at least four years prior appointed 	<p>Four-year staggered terms</p> <p>No member may serve more than two full terms.</p>

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		<p>with the mutual consent of the Senate and House minority leaders.</p> <p>Members may not hold office, be an agency head or lobbyists.</p>	
<p>Utah Executive Branch Ethics Commission</p> <p>Utah Code Ann. § 63A-14-202</p>	<p>5 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two members who served as elected officials in state government or in a management position in the executive branch no more recently than four years before the date of appointment to the commission. One member who has previously served as a judge or is a licensed attorney in the state who has not served as a judge Two citizen members. <p>Members must be registered to vote in Utah.</p>	<p>Four-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two terms.</p>
<p>Utah Political Subdivision Ethics Review Commission</p> <p>Utah Code Ann. § 63A-15-501</p>	<p>7 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members appointed by the governor. One member who has previously served as a judge. One member who has served as a mayor or municipal council member four years or more before the date of appointment. One member who has served as a member of a local board of education four years or more before the date of appointment Two members who are lay persons. Two members, each of whom is one of the following: a former judge, a former municipal mayor, a former municipal council member, 	<p>Four-year staggered terms.</p> <p>A member may not serve more than two terms.</p>

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		<p>a former county mayor, a former county commissioner, a former special service district administrative control board member, a former special district board of trustees member. With the exception of the former judge, for whom no timeline is specified, these individuals must have served in their former positions four years or more before the date of appointment to the commission.</p> <p>Members must be registered to vote in Utah.</p>	
<p>Utah Judicial Conduct Commission</p> <p>Utah Code Ann. § 78A-11-103</p>	<p>11 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House. • Two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate. • Two members of the Utah State Bar, appointed by a majority of the Utah Supreme Court. • Three persons not members of the Utah State Bar appointed by the governor. • Two judges appointed by a majority of the Utah Supreme Court. <p>No more than one of the members from the House of Representatives may be from the speaker's party. No more than one of the members from the Senate may be from the president of the Senate's party. Each member from the Utah State Bar must reside in a different judicial district. No more than two of the members appointed by the governor</p>	<p>Four-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve longer than eight years.</p>

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		<p>may be from the governor's party. None of the judge members may serve on the Utah Supreme Court. They must each serve on a different level of court. If they are both trial judges, they must serve primarily in different judicial districts.</p>	
<p>Vermont State Ethics Commission</p> <p>Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 3, § 1221</p>	<p>5 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. • One member of the League of Women Voters of Vermont appointed by the League. • One member of the Vermont Society of Certified Public Accountants appointed by the society's Board of Directors. • One member of the Vermont Bar Association appointed by the bar's Board of Managers. • One member of the SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management) Vermont State Council appointed by the council's board of directors. <p>Members may not hold or run for office, be employed by the state, be a lobbyist, or hold any office on a political campaign, committee or party.</p>	<p>Five-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.</p>
<p>Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council</p> <p>Va. Code § 30-355</p>	<p>9 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members from the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House. • One member who is a former judge appointed by the speaker of the House. • Two members from the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules 	<p>Four-year staggered terms.</p> <p>No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member who is a former judge appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. • One member who is a current or former executive branch employee appointed by the governor. • One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the Virginia Association of Counties appointed by the governor. • One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the Virginia Municipal League appointed by the governor. <p>Members from the House of Delegates and the Senate must be split equally among the two major parties.</p>	
<p>Virgin Islands</p> <p>No ethics commission</p>			
<p>Washington State Legislative Ethics Board</p> <p>Wash. Rev. Code § 42.52.310</p>	<p>9 members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two senators, one from each of the two largest caucuses, appointed by the president of the Senate. • Two members of the House of Representatives, one from each of the two largest caucuses, appointed by the speaker. <p>Five citizen members, one of which must be chosen by the governor from a list of 12 individuals, three submitted by each of the four legislative caucuses; and one of which must be selected by three of the four remaining citizen members of the board. No more than</p>	<p>Nonlegislative members serve Five-year terms. Legislative members serve two year terms. Terms are staggered.</p> <p>Members shall serve a single term</p>

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		three of the citizen members may be identified with the same political party.	
<p>Washington Executive Ethics Board</p> <p>Wash. Rev. Code § 42.52.350</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member shall be a classified service employee. • One member shall be a state officer or state employee in an exempt position. • One member shall be a citizen selected from a list of three names submitted by the attorney general. • One member shall be a citizen selected from a list of three names submitted by the state auditor. • One member shall be a citizen selected at large by the governor. <p>No more than three members may be identified with the same political party.</p>	<p>Five-year staggered terms</p> <p>Members shall serve a single term.</p>
<p>Washington Public Disclosure Commission</p> <p>Wash. Rev. Code § 42.17A.100</p>	5 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members appointed by the governor. <p>No more than three members may be of the same political party. No member may hold or campaign for elective office, serve as an officer of a political party or lobby.</p>	<p>Five-year terms.</p> <p>No commissioner may serve more than one full term.</p>
<p>West Virginia Ethics Commission</p> <p>W. Va. Code § 6B-2-1</p>	9 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member who served as a member of the West Virginia Legislature. • One member who served as an elected or appointed county official. • One member who served as an elected or appointed municipal official. 	<p>Five-year terms.</p> <p>No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member who served as an elected county school board member. • One member from a rural area. • Four citizen members. <p>No member may be a candidate, hold public office or hold a political party office.</p>	
<p>Wisconsin Ethics Commission</p> <p>Wis. Stat. § 15.62</p>	6 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member appointed by the senate majority leader. • One member appointed by the senate minority leader. • One member appointed by the Speaker of the assembly. • One member appointed by the Assembly minority leader. • Two individuals who formerly served as judges for a court of record and picked by the two major political parties. <p>The commission must include a member from each minor political party that received 10% of the vote in the most recent gubernatorial race. No member may be a lobbyist, a candidate or hold public office.</p>	Five-year terms.
<p>Wyoming</p> <p>No state ethics commission</p>			

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