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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 980

Sponsors: Representatives Gamble; and Luebke.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO THE ETHICS OF
3 LEGISLATORS.

4 Whereas, to conduct government properly for the benefit of the people,
5 legislators must uphold high principles and a definitive code of ethics, putting aside
6 personal interests; and

7 Whereas, the citizens of North Carolina must be assured that legislators will
8 not use their positions for personal gain, making it necessary to put into place a uniform
9 set of ethical standards and procedures for legislators to follow; and

10 Whereas, the democratic society is based on ethics that find their origins in
11 the social contract; and

12 Whereas, a system of checks and balances setting forth ethical standards is
13 necessary to ensure that legislators comply with State laws;

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

15 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study all
16 issues relating to the ethics of legislators, including whether there is a need to strengthen
17 existing statutes and rules.

18 Sec. 2. The Commission shall make a final report of its recommendations to
19 the 1997 General Assembly and may make an interim report to the 1996 Regular
20 Session of the 1995 General Assembly.

21 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.