

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1388

To enact House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress, (establishing the Office of Congressional Ethics) into permanent law.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2017

Mr. O'HALLERAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clean Legislating and
5 Ethical Accountability Now Act” or the “CLEAN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENACTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 895 INTO PERMA-**
2 **NENT LAW.**

3 House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Con-
4 gress, is hereby enacted into permanent law, except that—

5 (1) the Office of Congressional Ethics shall be
6 treated as a standing committee of the House for
7 purposes of section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorga-
8 nization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i));

9 (2) references to the Committee on Standards
10 of Official Conduct shall be construed as references
11 to the Committee on Ethics;

12 (3) the second sentence of section 1(b)(6)(A)
13 shall not apply;

14 (4) members subject to section 1(b)(6)(B) may
15 be reappointed for a second additional term;

16 (5) any individual who is the subject of a pre-
17 liminary review or second-phase review by the board
18 shall be informed of the right to be represented by
19 counsel and invoking that right should not be held
20 negatively against them;

21 (6) the Office may not take any action that
22 would deny any person any right or protection pro-
23 vided under the Constitution of the United States;
24 and

25 (7) the Office of Congressional Ethics shall
26 have the same subpoena power as a standing com-

1 mittee of the House of Representatives has under
2 clause 2(m) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of
3 Representatives and all references to the committee
4 or to the chair of the committee in such clause shall
5 be deemed to be references to the Office of Congres-
6 sional Ethics or to the cochairmen of the board for
7 purposes of this paragraph.

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