

**ADOPTED**

1 Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th offered the following amendment:

2 Amend the Senate Ethics Committee substitute to HB 771 by inserting between "disclosure;"  
3 and "to" on line 11 of page 1 the following:

4 "to provide for actions for slander and libel and the commission's authority over such  
5 activity;".

6 By inserting immediately following line 33 of page 47 the following:

7 **"SECTION 1A.**

8 Said title is further amended by adding a new article at the end of Chapter 5 to read as  
9 follows:

10 **'ARTICLE 5**

11 21-5-85.

12 (a) A candidate is liable for any slander or libel, as defined and provided for in Chapter 5  
13 of Title 51, committed by a campaign committee that is controlled by that candidate if the  
14 candidate willfully and knowingly directs or permits the libel or slander.

15 (b) In addition to the action provided for in this Code section, the commission may issue  
16 an order after appropriate proceedings as provided for by this chapter, requiring the  
17 candidate whose committee committed the libel or slander to be fined as set forth in  
18 subparagraph (b)(14)(C) of Code Section 21-5-6 and may also make public its conclusion  
19 as provided in paragraph (15) of subsection (b) of Code Section 21-5-6."