

**ADOPTED**

1 Senators Hooks of the 14th, Henson of the 41st, Lee of the 29th, Brown of the 26th and  
2 Golden of the 8th offered the following amendment:

3 Amend the Senate Ethics Committee substitute to HB 771 by inserting between "disclosure;"  
4 and "to" on line 11 of page 1 the following:  
5 "to provide for candidates for the General Assembly who file a declaration of intent to accept  
6 campaign contributions to receive and choose to sign a pledge to engage in ethical  
7 campaigning;".

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

**"SECTION 1A.**

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

**'ARTICLE 5**

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13 21-5-80.

14 Any candidate for the General Assembly who files a declaration of intent to accept  
15 campaign contributions pursuant to subsection (g) of Code Section 21-5-30 shall be issued  
16 a pledge to engage in ethical campaigning by the Secretary of State as set forth in Code  
17 Section 21-5-81.

18 21-5-81.

19 The text of the pledge shall read as follows:

**PLEDGE TO ENGAGE IN ETHICAL CAMPAIGNING**

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21 Realizing that the principles of morality, honesty, and civility are essential to the integrity  
22 of the democratic process, I pledge to conduct a campaign consistent with these  
23 principles. I will refrain from campaign practices that in any way detract from the  
24 honorable pursuit of elective office. I shall not use or permit the use of character  
25 defamation, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal  
26 or family life, nor shall I use or permit on my behalf misleading or untrue advertisements.

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1	Name of Candidate	Name of Witness
2	_____	_____
3	Signature	Notary public’s signature and seal
4	_____	
5	Date	

6 21-5-82.

7 Each candidate for the General Assembly who has filed the intention to accept campaign  
8 contributions shall acknowledge receipt of the pledge set forth in Code Section 21-5-81  
9 either by returning the pledge with his or her signature which has been witnessed and  
10 notarized or by returning a signed affidavit stating that he or she has received the pledge.  
11 The pledge shall be in effect for two years from the date of signing unless a candidate  
12 writes to the Secretary of State’s office and requests that his or her pledge be revoked.

13 21-5-83.

14 The Secretary of State’s office shall maintain on its website a list of candidates which  
15 indicates candidates who have signed the pledge or acknowledged the pledge in accordance  
16 with Code Section 21-5-82 or who have neither signed nor acknowledged the pledge.

17 21-5-84.

18 A registered voter may initiate a complaint pursuant to Code Section 21-5-7 against a  
19 candidate who is running for the General Assembly in his or her district for alleged  
20 violations of Code Section 21-5-82. The commission may issue an order after appropriate  
21 proceedings as provided for by this chapter and penalize the person who violates Code  
22 Section 21-5-82 by making public its conclusion as set forth in paragraph (15) of  
23 subsection (b) of Code Section 21-5-6.”.