



CITIZENS UNION

2015 STATE ETHICS REFORM AGENDA

1. OVERHAUL ELECTED OFFICIAL COMPENSATION

- A. Establish a Stakeholder-Balanced Quadrennial Compensation Commission
- B. Require Full Disclosure of and Cap All Outside Income to as much as 25% or More
- C. Prohibit Income for Referring a Person Seeking State Action to the Lawmaker's Firm
- D. Increase Significantly Legislators' Base Salaries
- E. Continue Per Diem System, but with Verification

2. STRENGTHEN ETHICS ENFORCEMENT

- A. Appoint Review Commission to Evaluate JCOPE and LEC
- B. Increase Disclosure of Votes & Stop Minority Blocs from Halting JCOPE Investigations
- C. Give JCOPE Sufficient, Independent Budgeting
- D. Allow JCOPE to Hold Enforcement Hearings for Legislators
- E. Require Electronic Filing of Financial Disclosure Forms
- F. Application of Pension Forfeiture to All Public Officials, Subject to Judicial Discretion

3. REFORM CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

- A. End Personal Use of Campaign Funds, Including Attorneys' Fees and Household Expenses
- B. Fully Close LLC Loophole
- C. Enact Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reforms, Including Public Matching Funds

4. REFORM BUDGET LUMP SUMS and END BUDGET/POLICY LINK

- A. Reform Lump Sum Appropriations to:
 - Eliminate Conflicts of Interest and Ensure Proper Public Use
 - Require Comprehensive, Online Disclosure of Lump Sums Grants and Contracts
 - Apply Reforms to All Lump Sums in the Budget, Including Governor's
- B. End the Use of Budget Appropriations Bills to Enact Law Changes