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H 49. CITIZENS EFFICIENCY COMMISSION. Filed 2/3/09. *TO CREATE A PERMANENT CITIZENS EFFICIENCY COMMISSION.*

Creates new Article 80 (Citizens Efficiency Commission) of GS Chapter 143, establishing a 15-member Citizens Efficiency Commission (Commission) to recommend efficiencies in government to the Governor, subject to review by the General Assembly. Members are appointed for two-year terms beginning July 1, 2009, with 5 members each appointed by the Governor, by the General Assembly at the recommendation of the Speaker of the House, and by the General Assembly at the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Requires the Commission to be an independent and bipartisan body of citizens from the business and civic sector and provides that a substantial number of the appointees should possess prior governmental experience.

The Commission is allowed to present separate governmental efficiency proposals to the Governor each biennium; the efficiency programs may include closing, relocation, or merging state agencies, eliminating programs, or transferring programs. The Commission must conduct public hearings on the recommendations. The Commission is required to provide a report to the Governor by July 1 of each even-numbered year that contains the Commission's findings and conclusions as well as the Commission's recommendations for government efficiency. Requires the Governor to report to the Commission and the General Assembly by November 30 of each year on the approval or disapproval of the Commission's recommendations. Establishes deadlines by which the Governor must report on individual approval or disapproval of recommendations and allows the Commission to revise recommendations if the Governor disapproves the Commission's recommendations.

Prohibits the Governor from carrying out any efficiency program recommended by the Commission in a report to the General Assembly if a bill is enacted disapproving the Commission recommendation before the General Assembly adjourns sine die for the session during which the report is made. Allows the General Assembly to disapprove recommendations in whole or in part. Specifies elements that the disapproval bill must include.

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