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Hullinghorst,

House Committees

HOUSE RESOLUTION 16-1003

101 CONCERNING THE APPROVAL BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
102 THE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENT OF APRIL JONES TO THE
103 INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION.

1 WHEREAS, Section 5 (2) (a) (II) of article XXIX of the state
2 constitution provides that one member of the Independent Ethics
3 Commission created in section 5 (1) of that article, hereafter referred to
4 as the "Commission", shall be appointed by the House of Representatives,
5 and section 24-18.5-101 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, provides that
6 said appointment shall be made by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives with the approval of two-thirds of the members elected
8 to the House; and

9 WHEREAS, Pursuant to such authority, Speaker Hullinghorst has
10 appointed April Jones to serve as the House appointee to the
11 Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 5 (2) (f) of article XXIX of the state
13 constitution provides that a member of the Commission shall continue to
14 serve until a successor has been appointed; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

HOUSE
Final Reading
January 21, 2016

1 WHEREAS, Pursuant to this provision, Rosemary Marshall,
2 whose term concluded on June 30, 2015, continues to serve on the
3 Commission as the appointee of the House of Representatives until her
4 successor is appointed; and

5 WHEREAS, The Speaker of the House of Representatives has
6 selected April Jones to succeed Commissioner Marshall due to Ms. Jones'
7 outstanding qualifications as an individual with integrity and the highest
8 ethical standards; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones, designated as an unaffiliated elector, is a
10 licensed attorney in Colorado, whose Greenwood Village practice is
11 limited to family law; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has been recognized in the legal field and
13 in the Denver business community as a committed and dedicated family
14 law litigator; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is an active member of the legal and
16 non-legal communities, having been appointed by Colorado Governor
17 Bill Ritter to a six-year term as a Nomination Commissioner for the
18 nomination of Justices to the Colorado Supreme Court and Judges to the
19 Colorado Court of Appeals; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was also appointed by Colorado Governor
21 Bill Owens to serve on the State Board of Marriage and Family
22 Therapists, where she served a second term as the Vice Chairman of the
23 Board; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is a member of the Board of Directors for
25 the Kempe Foundation, an organization dedicated to preventing child
26 abuse and neglect and treating victims of abuse and neglect; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones also serves as the current Vice President
28 and former President of the Sam Cary Bar Association, a professional
29 organization founded over 45 years ago to instill professionalism and
30 serve as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas among African-American
31 lawyers; and

32 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has served as a member of the Board of
33 Directors of Colorado Legal Services, an entity that includes the Colorado
34 Legal Aid Foundation and the Metro Volunteer Lawyers program, and

1 one that is dedicated to providing legal information to low-income
2 individuals facing civil legal matters; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is also a founding member of the Board of
4 Directors of the American Transplant Foundation, a nonprofit
5 organization dedicated to creating donor awareness and increasing organ
6 donations in Colorado and nationwide; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has dedicated herself to many other
8 laudable endeavors, including having served as the Diversity Chairperson
9 for the Arapahoe County Bar Association for two terms, a past executive
10 board member of the Colorado Women's Bar Association, and a past
11 member of the Inns of Court, a society dedicated to protecting and
12 promoting the integrity and quality of the legal profession; and

13 WHEREAS, On the basis of her dedicated service to the legal and
14 non-legal communities of Colorado, as well as her legal knowledge,
15 experience, and integrity, April Jones has demonstrated the qualifications
16 that will allow her to serve as a respected member of the Commission in
17 an exemplary manner and in a way that will reflect well upon the House
18 of Representatives, the Colorado General Assembly, and the State of
19 Colorado; now, therefore,

20 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*
21 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

22 That the House of Representatives hereby approves Speaker
23 Hullinghorst's appointment of April Jones to the Independent Ethics
24 Commission for a term commencing upon the date of the approval of this
25 House Resolution by the House of Representatives and ending June 30,
26 2019.

27 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this House Resolution be
28 sent to the Chair of the Independent Ethics Commission, William Leone.