

HB 1983 -- PAID POLITICAL CONSULTANTS

SPONSOR: Dogan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Government Accountability by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill prohibits statewide elected officials and members of the General Assembly from receiving compensation as paid political consultants for specified political activities on behalf of other individuals holding office as statewide elected officials or members of the General Assembly. Compensation for activities on behalf of a candidate committee for another individual holding statewide office or who is a member of the General Assembly is also prohibited.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is a necessary conflict of interest provision which will help prevent problems involving the use of public offices to gain personal wealth that is narrowly drafted to avoid legal challenges.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Dogan.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.