

**17-16a-11 County ethics commission -- Complaints charging violations -- Procedure.**

- (1) A county may establish by ordinance an ethics commission to review a complaint, except as provided in Subsection (3), against an officer or employee subject to this part for a violation of a provision of this part.
- (2)
  - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a person filing a complaint for a violation of this part shall file the complaint:
    - (i) with the county ethics commission, if the county has established a county ethics commission in accordance with Subsection (1); or
    - (ii) with the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission established in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 49, Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission if the county has not established a county ethics commission.
  - (b) A county that receives a complaint described in Subsection (2)(a) may:
    - (i) accept the complaint if the county has established a county ethics commission in accordance with Subsection (1); or
    - (ii) forward the complaint to the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission established in Section 11-49-201:
      - (A) regardless of whether the county has established a county ethics commission; or
      - (B) if the county has not established a county ethics commission.
- (3) Any complaint against a person who is under the merit system, charging that person with a violation of this part, shall be filed and processed in accordance with the provisions of the merit system.

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