

**PROPOSED TIME LINE FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS**

<b>February 1, 2012</b>	<b>House Ethics Committee appointed by Speaker McNulty.</b>
<b>February 6, 2012</b>	<b>Organizational meeting.</b> Adopt Committee procedures and time tables.  Committee decides whether to request and compile additional evidence
<i>Within 10 days after appointment of Cmte:</i> <b>On or before February 11, 2012 (Sat.)</b>	<b>Rep. Bradford's answer due to Committee.</b>
	<b>Receipt of evidence requested by the Committee.</b>
	<b>Second meeting of Committee.</b>
<b>[Delivered ____ individually]</b>	<b>Staff report due to Committee.</b> Staff report should analyze: (1) How factual allegations of the complaint and answer compare; (2) Whether there are factual issues that need further investigation; (3) Whether the allegations of the complaint state a violation of statutes cited in the complaint; (4) Whether further legal research is needed; (5) Possible recommendations
<i>Within 30 days after appointment of Cmte:</i> <b>On or before March 2, 2012</b>	<b>Meeting to consider whether there is probable cause to believe an ethics violation may have occurred.</b> Committee takes action to determine whether the complaint should be dismissed on the basis that probable cause does not exist. Committee votes whether to dismiss or proceed. It may wish to provide further direction to staff.  <b>Preliminary investigation completed.</b> If Committee determines probable cause exists, it must notify Rep. Bradford.

<p><i>Within 7 days after Rep. Bradford notified that probable cause exists:</i>  <b>On or before _____, 2012</b></p>	<p><b>Request for evidentiary hearing.</b>  Rep. Bradford may request a hearing before the Committee at which witnesses may testify and cross-examination may occur.</p>
<p><i>Within 14 days after receipt of the request for a hearing:</i>  <b>On or before [date]</b></p>	<p><b>Evidentiary hearing shall commence.</b></p>
<p>To be determined</p>	<p><b>Recommendation to the House.</b>  If the Committee has proceeded to a hearing, it makes its final recommendations to the House based on the evidence presented at the hearing(s).</p>
<p>To be determined</p>	<p><b>Action by the House.</b>  Final action by the House on the Committee's recommendations.</p>

*Italic type indicates time periods required by House Rule 49 - Committee on Ethics*