

based on its investigations and studies, such other special reports with recommendations for legislation as may be appropriate.

(g) Publication of information. -- The Commission shall publish and make available to the persons subject to this article and the general public explanatory information concerning the provisions of this article, the duties imposed by it, and the means for enforcing it.

(h) [Exemptions from article; modifications.] DETERMINATIONS OF COVERAGE. -- [The Commission may exempt from the provisions of this article any State board or commission or any municipality, or in the case of public officials on boards or commissions, may modify the requirements of the article if because of the nature of the board or commission or the size of the municipality, it finds that the application of the article would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy or otherwise constitute an unreasonable hardship and would significantly reduce the availability of qualified persons for public service and if it also finds that the exemption or modification would not be contrary to the purposes of this article.]

(1) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE THE DETERMINATIONS REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH SUBSECTION 1-201(AA) UPON THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL WHO SHALL PROVIDE THAT ADVICE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1981, ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, AND AT ANY OTHER TIME UPON REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION.

(2) THE COMMISSION MAY EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, OR MAY MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE AS TO, ANY STATE BOARD OR COMMISSION OR ANY MUNICIPALITY OR ANY MEMBER OF A STATE BOARD OR COMMISSION IF, BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE BOARD OR COMMISSION OR THE SIZE OF THE MUNICIPALITY, IT FINDS THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE ARTICLE TO THAT BOARD, COMMISSION, MEMBER, OR MUNICIPALITY:

(I) WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNREASONABLE INVASION OF PRIVACY;

(II) WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED PERSONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE; AND

(III) IS NOT NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 3-103(A)(3), ANY EXEMPTION AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE MAY BE GRANTED BY THE COMMISSION ONLY UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT-OR EXECUTIVE AGENCY INVOLVED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS IN THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY, THE RECORDS OF THE COMMISSION IN ANY MATTER IN WHICH AN EXEMPTION IS GRANTED UNDER ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.