

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 544
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after the first “of” insert “requiring that an elected official of the State or of a county or municipal corporation who is found guilty of a felony or certain misdemeanors be suspended and, under certain circumstances, removed from office by operation of law;”; in line 4, strike “is convicted of or”; and strike beginning with “repealing” in line 6 down through “circumstances;” in line 7.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “convicted” in line 19 down through “to” in line 20 and substitute “**FOUND GUILTY OF**”.

On page 2, in lines 2 and 9, in each instance, strike the bracket; in lines 8 and 10, in each instance, strike “conviction” and substitute “**FINDING OF GUILT**”; in line 8, after “becomes” insert “**A**”; in the same line, after “final” insert “**CONVICTION**”; in line 13, strike the second set of brackets; and in line 14, after “restored.” insert “**ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE STATE, OR OF A COUNTY OR OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WHO DURING THE ELECTED OFFICIAL’S TERM OF OFFICE ENTERS A GUILTY PLEA OR A PLEA OF NOLO CONTENDERE TO ANY CRIME WHICH IS A FELONY, OR WHICH IS A MISDEMEANOR RELATED TO THE ELECTED OFFICIAL’S PUBLIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND INVOLVES MORAL TURPITUDE FOR WHICH THE PENALTY MAY BE INCARCERATION IN ANY PENAL INSTITUTION, SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE ELECTIVE OFFICE BY OPERATION OF LAW AND THE OFFICE SHALL BE DEEMED VACANT.**”.