



# Local Government Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 22

### PART III

#### CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

### CHAPTER II

#### INVESTIGATIONS ETC: ENGLAND

#### *Standards Board for England*

#### **57 Standards Board for England**

- (1) There is to be a body corporate known as the Standards Board for England.
- (2) The Standards Board for England is to consist of not less than three members appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The Standards Board for England is to have the functions conferred on it by this Part and such other functions as may be conferred on it by order made by the Secretary of State under this subsection.
- (4) In exercising its functions the Standards Board for England must have regard to the need to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of relevant authorities in England.
- (5) The Standards Board for England—
  - (a) must appoint employees known as ethical standards officers who are to have the functions conferred on them by this Part,
  - (b) may issue guidance to relevant authorities in England and police authorities in Wales on matters relating to the conduct of members and co-opted members of such authorities,

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- (c) may issue guidance to relevant authorities in England and police authorities in Wales in relation to the qualifications or experience which monitoring officers should possess, and
  - (d) may arrange for any such guidance to be made public.
- (6) Schedule 4 makes further provision in relation to the Standards Board for England.

## **58 Written allegations**

- (1) A person may make a written allegation to the Standards Board for England that a member or co-opted member (or former member or co-opted member) of a relevant authority in England has failed, or may have failed, to comply with the authority's code of conduct.
- (2) If the Standards Board for England considers that a written allegation under subsection (1) should be investigated, it must refer the case to one of its ethical standards officers.
- (3) If the Standards Board for England considers that a written allegation under subsection (1) should not be investigated, it must take reasonable steps to give written notification to the person who made the allegation of the decision and the reasons for the decision.