

HB3956



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 420/4A-102

from Ch. 127, par. 604A-102

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides additional required economic interests to be listed by specified persons on a statement of economic interests filed under the Act.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 4A-102, 4A-103, and 4A-104 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 420/4A-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-102)

7 Sec. 4A-102. The statement of economic interests required
8 by this Article shall include the economic interests of the
9 person making the statement as provided in this Section.

10 (a) The interest (if constructively controlled by the
11 person making the statement) of a spouse or any other party,
12 shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the
13 person making the statement. Campaign receipts shall not be
14 included in this statement. The following interests shall be
15 listed by all persons required to file:

16 (1) each asset that has a value of more than \$10,000 as
17 of the end of the preceding calendar year and is: (i) held
18 in the filer's name, (ii) held jointly by the filer with
19 his or her spouse, or (iii) held jointly by the filer with
20 his or her minor child or children. For a beneficial
21 interest in a trust, the value is based on the total value
22 of the assets either subject to the beneficial interest,
23 or from which income is to be derived for the benefit of

1 the beneficial interest, regardless of whether any
2 distributions have been made for the benefit of the
3 beneficial interest;

4 (2) all sources of income, including the name of each
5 employer with a description of each source in excess of
6 \$1,000, without specifying amounts of income; excluding
7 ~~the income from the position that requires the filing of a~~
8 ~~statement of economic interests under this Act, each~~
9 ~~source of income in excess of \$7,500 during the preceding~~
10 ~~calendar year (as required to be reported on the filer's~~
11 ~~federal income tax return covering the preceding calendar~~
12 ~~year) for the filer and his or her spouse and, if the sale~~
13 ~~or transfer of an asset produced more than \$7,500 in~~
14 ~~capital gains during the preceding calendar year, the~~
15 ~~transaction date on which that asset was sold or~~
16 ~~transferred;~~

17 (3) each creditor of a debt in excess of \$10,000 that,
18 during the preceding calendar year, was: (i) owed by the
19 filer, (ii) owed jointly by the filer with his or her
20 spouse or (iii) owed jointly by the filer with his or her
21 minor child or children;

22 (4) the name of each unit of government of which the
23 filer or his or her spouse was an employee, contractor, or
24 office holder during the preceding calendar year other
25 than the unit or units of government in relation to which
26 the person is required to file and the title of the

1 position or nature of the contractual services;

2 (5) each person known to the filer to be registered as
3 a lobbyist with any unit of government in the State of
4 Illinois: (i) with whom the filer maintains an economic
5 relationship, or (ii) who is a member of the filer's
6 family;

7 (6) each source and type of gift or gifts, or
8 honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate
9 in excess of \$500 that was received during the preceding
10 calendar year, excluding any gift or gifts from a member
11 of the filer's family that was not known to the filer to be
12 registered as a lobbyist with any unit of government in
13 the State of Illinois; ~~and~~

14 (7) the name of any spouse or immediate family member
15 living with such person employed by a public utility in
16 this State and the name of the public utility that employs
17 such person; -

18 (8) the names of all businesses with which the person
19 is associated;

20 (9) the name of securities in excess of \$5,000 at fair
21 market value owned by the person, his or her spouse, or a
22 relative, or held in the name of a corporation,
23 partnership, or trust for the benefit of the person, his
24 or her spouse, or a relative;

25 (10) the existence of any known blind trust and the
26 names of the trustees;

1 (11) all real property and its location, whether owned
2 by the person, his or her spouse, or a relative, or held in
3 the name of a corporation, partnership, or trust for the
4 benefit of the person, his or her spouse, or a relative;
5 and

6 (12) the names and addresses of creditors to whom the
7 person, his or her spouse, or a relative, individually,
8 owed debts of more than \$10,000.

9 For the purposes of this Section, the unit of local
10 government in relation to which a person is required to file
11 under item (e) of Section 4A-101.5 shall be the unit of local
12 government that contributes to the pension fund of which such
13 person is a member of the board.

14 (b) Beginning December 1, 2025, and for every 5 years
15 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall adjust the amounts
16 specified under this Section that prompt disclosure under this
17 Act for purposes of inflation as determined by the Consumer
18 Price Index for All Urban Consumers as issued by the United
19 States Department of Labor and rounded to the nearest \$100.
20 The Secretary shall publish this information on the official
21 website of the Secretary of State, and make changes to the
22 statement of economic interests form to be completed for the
23 following year.

24 (c) The Secretary of State shall develop and make publicly
25 available on his or her website written guidance relating to
26 the completion and filing of the statement of economic

1 interests upon which a filer may reasonably and in good faith
2 rely.

3 (Source: P.A. 101-221, eff. 8-9-19; 102-662, eff. 9-15-21;
4 102-664, eff. 1-1-22; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)