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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5	ILCS	420/4A-100 new					
5	ILCS	420/4A-102	from	Ch.	127,	par.	604A-102
5	ILCS	420/4A-102.5 new					
5	ILCS	420/4A-103	from	Ch.	127,	par.	604A-103
5	ILCS	420/4A-104	from	Ch.	127,	par.	604A-104
5	ILCS	420/4A-105	from	Ch.	127,	par.	604A-105
5	ILCS	420/4A-106	from	Ch.	127,	par.	604A-106

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. With respect to statements of economic interests, makes changes concerning: interests of spouses and immediate family members living with the person required to file; development of forms by the Secretary of State that replicate federal forms; supplemental filings by board and commission appointees; electronic filing; posting of statements by the Secretary of State in a searchable database on the Internet; and training by the Secretary of State for ethics officers and persons required to file statements. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning ethics.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended
by changing Sections 4A-102, 4A-103, 4A-104, 4A-105, and 4A-106
and by adding Sections 4A-100 and 4A-102.5 as follows:

7 (5 ILCS 420/4A-100 new) Sec. 4A-100. Definitions. As used in this Article: 8 9 (a) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child of the reporting individual sharing 10 11 the same household. 12 "Income" means income derived from any source, (b) including but not limited to the following: (i) compensation 13 14 for services, including fees, commissions, and similar items; (ii) gross income derived from business (and net income if the 15 person elects to include it); (iii) gains received from 16 17 dealings in property; (iv) interest; (v) rents; (vi) royalties; (vii) dividends; (viii) annuities; (ix) income from life 18 19 insurance and endowment contracts; (x) pensions; (xi) income from discharge of indebtedness; (xii) distributive share of 20 21 partnership income; and (xiii) income from an interest in an 22 estate or trust. "Income" does not include campaign receipts reported on financial disclosure reports filed with the State 23

Board of Elections, unless such receipts are claimed for personal use.

(c) "Category of value" means the following classification 3 4 system: (i) not more than \$1,000, (ii) greater than \$1,000 but 5 not more than \$2,500, (iii) greater than \$2,500 but not more 6 than \$5,000, (iv) greater than \$5,000 but not more than \$15,000, (v) greater than \$15,000 but not more than \$50,000, 7 (vi) greater than \$50,000 but not more than \$100,000, (vii) 8 9 greater than \$100,000 but not more than \$1,000,000, (viii) greater than \$1,000,000 but not more than \$5,000,000, or (ix) 10 11 greater than \$5,000,000.

12 <u>(d) "Constructive control." An interest may be said to be</u> 13 <u>constructively controlled by the person filing the report if</u> 14 <u>the person filing the report is a trustee, proxy, guardian, or</u> 15 <u>advisor with regard to decisions to acquire, retain, or divest</u> 16 all or any portion of an interest.

17 (5 ILCS 420/4A-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-102)

Sec. 4A-102. The statement of economic interests required 18 by this Article shall include the economic interests of the 19 20 person making the statement as provided in this Section. The 21 interest (if constructively controlled by the person making the 22 statement) of a spouse, or any other party if constructively controlled by the person making the statement, shall be 23 24 considered to be the same as the interest of the person making 25 the statement. Campaign receipts shall not be included in this

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1 statement.

2 (a) The following interests shall be listed by all 3 persons required to file:

4 <u>(1) The source, type, and amount or value of income</u> 5 <u>(other than income referred to in subsection (a)(2))</u> 6 <u>from any source other than from current employment by</u> 7 the State of Illinois.

8 (2) The source and type of income, which consists 9 of income from dividends, rents, interest, trusts, and 10 capital gains, received during the preceding calendar 11 year that exceeds \$200 in amount or value, and an 12 indication of the appropriate category of value such 13 item of income is within.

14(3) The source, date, and amount of payments made15to charitable organizations in lieu of honoraria with a16corresponding list of recipients of all such payments,17together with the dates and amounts of such payments.

18 (4) The identity and category of value of any 19 interest in property held during the preceding 20 calendar year in a trade or business or for investment or production of income, if the property has a fair 21 22 market value in excess of \$1,000 at the close of the 23 preceding calendar year. This item does not include any 24 personal liability owed (i) to the person filing the 25 statement by his or her immediate family members or 26 (ii) to the spouse of the person filing the statement.

1	This paragraph (4) also does not include deposits
2	aggregating to \$5,000 or less in a personal savings
3	account, including certificates of deposit and any
4	other form of deposit in a bank, savings and loan
5	association, credit union, or similar financial
6	institution.
7	(5) The identity and category of value of the total
8	liabilities in excess of \$5,000 owed at any time during
9	the preceding calendar year to any creditor other than
10	(i) an immediate family member of the person filing the
11	statement or (ii) an immediate family member of the
12	spouse of the person filing the statement. This item
13	does not include:
14	(A) Any mortgage secured by real property that
15	is the primary personal residence of the person
16	filing the statement.
17	(B) Any loan secured by a personal motor
18	vehicle, household furniture, appliance, or other
19	similar effect if the loan does not exceed the
20	purchase price of the item or items that secure it.
21	(C) Any debt owed by a political committee
22	associated with the person filing the statement,
23	provided that such debt is reported as required by
24	Article 9 of the Election Code.
25	With regard to revolving charge accounts, the
26	person filing the statement need report only his or her

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1	outstanding aggregate liability across all accounts,
2	and only if in excess of \$10,000 at the close of the
3	preceding calendar year.
4	(6) A brief description, the date, and the category
5	of value of any purchase, sale, or exchange in excess
6	of \$1,000 during the preceding calendar year of (i)
7	real property other than real property used solely for
8	the primary personal residence of the person filing the
9	statement or his or her spouse or (ii) stocks, bonds,
10	commodity futures, and other forms of securities. This
11	item does not apply to transactions solely by and
12	between the person filing the statement and his or her
13	immediate family members.
14	(7) The identity of all positions held during the
15	preceding calendar year as an officer, director,
16	trustee, partner, proprietor, representative,
17	employee, or consultant of any corporation, company,
18	firm, partnership, other business enterprise,
19	non-profit organization, labor organization, or
20	educational or other institution of the State, a unit
21	of government, a school district, or the United States.
22	This item does not apply to positions in religious,
23	social, fraternal, or political organizations or
24	positions of a solely honorary nature.
25	(8) The date of, the parties to, and a description
26	of the terms of any agreement or arrangement with

1	respect to (i) future employment; (ii) a leave of
2	absence from the unit of government in relation to
3	which the person is required to file the statement;
4	(iii) contributions or payments by a former employer
5	other than the unit of government in relation to which
6	the person is required to file the statement; and (iv)
7	continuing participation in an employee welfare or
8	benefit plan with a former employer.
9	(9) The source, date, and amount of honoraria

10aggregating to \$200 or more during the preceding11calendar year.

12 (10) The source, date, and amount or value of any gift or gifts (i) valued singularly or in the aggregate 13 14 in excess of \$500 during the preceding calendar year to 15 the person filing the statement or an immediate family 16 member of the person filing the statement, from any person other than an immediate family member or (ii) 17 from a prohibited source as defined by the State 18 19 Officials and Employees Ethics Act, even if that source 20 is also an immediate family member, and within any of 21 the following captioned items listed in Section 10-15 22 of that Act, regardless of whether the person filing 23 the statement is otherwise subject to that Act: 24 educational materials and missions; and travel 25 expenses for a meeting to discuss State government. 26 (1) The name, address and type of practice of any

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professional organization or individual professional practice in which the person making the statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor, or served in any advisory capacity, from which income in excess of \$1200 was derived during the preceding calendar year;

7 (2) The nature of professional services (other than services rendered to the unit or units 8 <del>of</del> 9 government in relation to which the person is required 10 to file) and the nature of the entity to which they 11 were rendered if fees exceeding \$5,000 were received 12 during the preceding calendar year from the entity for 13 professional services rendered by the person making 14 the statement.

15 (3) The identity (including the address or legal description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized in the preceding calendar year.

19 <u>(11)</u> (4) The name of any unit of government which 20 has employed the person making the statement during the 21 preceding calendar year other than the unit or units of 22 government in relation to which the person is required 23 to file.

24 (5) The name of any entity from which a gift or
 25 gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in
 26 the aggregate in excess of \$500, was received during

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#### the preceding calendar year.

(b) The following interests shall also be listed by persons listed in items (a) through (f), item (l), and item(n) of Section 4A-101:

5 (1) (Blank). The name and instrument of ownership 6 in any entity doing business in the State of Illinois, 7 in which an ownership interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market 8 9 value or from which dividends of in excess of \$1,200 10 were derived during the preceding calendar year. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be 11 12 listed by street address, or if none, then by legal 13 description). No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed; 14

15 (2) (Blank). Except for professional service 16 entities, the name of any entity and any position held 17 therein from which income of in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year, if 18 the entity does business in the State of Illinois. No time 19 20 or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed. 21

(3) The identity of any compensated lobbyist with
whom the person making the statement maintains a close
economic <u>or personal relationship</u> association,
including the name of the lobbyist and specifying the
legislative matter or matters which are the object of

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## the lobbying activity, and describing the general type of economic activity of the client or principal on whose behalf that person is lobbying.

4 (c) The following interests shall also be listed by 5 persons listed in items (g), (h), (i), and (o) of Section 6 4A-101:

7 (1) The name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business with a unit of local government 8 9 in relation to which the person is required to file if 10 the ownership interest of the person filing is greater 11 than \$5,000 fair market value as of the date of filing 12 or if dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received from the entity during the preceding calendar year. (In the 13 14 case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed 15 by street address, or if none, then by legal 16 description). No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed. 17

(Blank). Except for professional service 18 (2)19 entities, the name of any entity and any position held 20 therein from which income in excess of \$1,200 was 21 derived during the preceding calendar year if the 22 entity does business with a unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file. 23 No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor 24 any debt instrument need be listed. 25

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(3) The name of any entity and the nature of the

governmental action requested by any entity which has 1 2 applied to a unit of local government in relation to which the person must file for any license, franchise 3 or permit for annexation, zoning or rezoning of real 4 5 estate during the preceding calendar year if the ownership interest of the person filing is in excess of 6 7 \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing or if income or dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received 8 9 by the person filing from the entity during the 10 preceding calendar year.

For the purposes of this Section, the unit of local government in relation to which a person required to file under item (o) of Section 4A-101 shall be the unit of local government that contributes to the pension fund of which such person is a member of the board.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-6, eff. 4-3-09.)

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(5 ILCS 420/4A-102.5 new)

Sec. 4A-102.5. Appointee supplemental statement. Persons filing statements of economic interests as a result of their nomination to a board or commission shall also, at the same time and in the same manner, file a supplement to the statement containing the following information:

23 (1) Any contributions, in excess of \$150 in the
 24 aggregate, to any political committee organized under the
 25 Election Code made since the end of the last preceding

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1	semi-annual disclosure period and the date the person files
2	the statement of economic interests, including the amount
3	of the contribution, the date, and the recipient.
4	(2) Any contribution made to a legal defense fund since
5	the filing of the last previous statement of economic
6	interests or, if the person is filing his or her first
7	statement of economic interests, in the 12 months preceding
8	the filing date.

9 <u>(3) The name of any immediate family member who is</u> 10 <u>registered as a lobbyist with any State or federal agency</u> 11 <u>or office.</u>

12 (5 ILCS 420/4A-103) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-103)

Sec. 4A-103. The statement of economic interests required 13 14 by this Article to be filed with the Secretary of State shall 15 be filled in by typewriting or hand printing, shall be 16 verified, dated, and signed by manual or electronic means as 17 appropriate by the person making the statement, and made in a 18 form prescribed by the Secretary of State that shall, in paper and electronic formats, substantially replicate the design of 19 20 the 2002 Public Financial Disclosure Report forms employed by the United States Congress for purposes of complying with the 21 22 Ethics in Government Act of 1978. and shall 23 substantially the following:

(TYPE OR HAND PRINT)

- 24 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST
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1	·····
2	<del>(name)</del>
3	·····
4	(each office or position of employment for which this statement
5	is filed)
6	·····
7	(full mailing address)
8	GENERAL DIRECTIONS:
9	The interest (if constructively controlled by the person
10	making the statement) of a spouse or any other party, shall be
11	considered to be the same as the interest of the person making
12	the statement.
13	Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement.
14	If additional space is needed, please attach supplemental
15	<del>listing.</del>
16	1. List the name and instrument of ownership in any entity
17	doing business in the State of Illinois, in which the ownership
18	interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess
19	of \$5,000 fair market value or from which dividends in excess
20	of \$1,200 were derived during the preceding calendar year. (In
21	the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by
22	street address, or if none, then by legal description.) No time
23	or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt
24	instrument need be listed.
25	Business Entity Instrument of Ownership
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4	2. List the name, address and type of practice of any
5	professional organization in which the person making the
6	statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or
7	proprietor or served in any advisory capacity, from which
8	income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding
9	<del>calendar year.</del>
10	Name Address Type of Practice
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14	3. List the nature of professional services rendered (other
15	than to the State of Illinois) to each entity from which income
16	exceeding \$5,000 was received for professional services
17	rendered during the preceding calendar year by the person
18	making the statement.
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21	4. List the identity (including the address or legal
22	description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a
23	capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the
24	preceding calendar year.
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5. List the identity of any compensated lobbyist with whom the person making the statement maintains a close economic association, including the name of the lobbyist and specifying the legislative matter or matters which are the object of the lobbying activity, and describing the general type of economic activity of the client or principal on whose behalf that person is lobbying.

Legislative Matter Client or Principal Lobbyist 8 9 <del>......</del> 10 6. List the name of any entity doing business in the State 11 of Illinois from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived 12 during the preceding calendar year other than for professional 13 services and the title or description of any position held in 14 15 that entity. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by street address, or if none, then by legal 16 description). No time or demand deposit in a financial 17 institution nor any debt instrument need be listed. 18 Entity Position Held 19

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23 7. List the name of any unit of government which employed
24 the person making the statement during the preceding calendar
25 year other than the unit or units of government in relation to
26 which the person is required to file.

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3	8. List the name of any entity from which a gift or gifts,
4	or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate
5	in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar
6	<del>year.</del>
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8	VERIFICATION:
9	"I declare that this statement of economic interests
10	(including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been
11	examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a
12	true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests
13	as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. I
14	understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or
15	incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or
16	imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary
17	not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment."
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19	(date of filing) (signature of person making the statement)
20	(Source: P.A. 95-173, eff. 1-1-08.)

21	(5 ILCS 420/4A-104) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-104)
22	Sec. 4A-104. The statement of economic interests required
23	by this Article to be filed with the county clerk shall be
24	filled in by typewriting or hand printing, shall be verified,
25	dated, and signed by manual or electronic means as appropriate

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1	by the person making the statement, and made on a form
2	prescribed by the Secretary of State that shall substantially
3	replicate the design of the 2002 Public Financial Disclosure
4	Report forms employed by the United States Congress for
5	purposes of complying with the Ethics in Government Act of
6	1978. shall contain substantially the following:
7	STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
8	(TYPE OR HAND PRINT)
9	·····
10	(Name)
11	<del></del>
12	(each office or position of employment for which this statement
13	is filed)
14	(full mailing address)
15	GENERAL DIRECTIONS:
16	The interest (if constructively controlled by the person
17	making the statement) of a spouse or any other party, shall be
18	considered to be the same as the interest of the person making
19	the statement.
20	Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement.
21	If additional space is needed, please attach supplemental
22	<del>listing.</del>
23	1. List the name and instrument of ownership in any entity
24	doing business with a unit of local government in relation to
25	which the person is required to file, in which the ownership
26	interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess

of \$5,000 fair market value or from which dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received during the preceding calendar year. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by street address, or if none, then by legal description.) No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument shall be listed.

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8	<del>Entity</del>	<del>Ownership</del>	Management
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12	2. List the na	me, address and typ	e of practice of any
13	professional organ	<del>ization in which t</del>	he person making the
14	<del>statement was an</del>	officer, director,	<del>associate, partner or</del>
15	<del>proprietor, or ser</del>	<del>ved in any advisory</del>	capacity, from which
16	income in excess o	f \$1,200 was derived	during the preceding
17	<del>calendar year.</del>		
18	Name	Address	Type of Practice
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1 making the statement.

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4	4. List the identity (including the address or legal
5	description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a
6	capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the
7	preceding calendar year.
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10	·····
11	5. List the name of any entity and the nature of the
12	governmental action requested by any entity which has applied
13	to a unit of local government in relation to which the person
14	must file for any license, franchise or permit for annexation,
15	zoning or rezoning of real estate during the preceding calendar
16	year if the ownership interest of the person filing is in
17	excess of \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing or if
18	income or dividends in excess of \$1200 were received by the
19	person filing from the entity during the preceding calendar
20	<del>year.</del>
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24	6. List the name of any entity doing business with a unit
25	of local government in relation to which the person is required
26	to file from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived

1 during the preceding calendar year other than for professional 2 services and the title or description of any position held in 3 that entity. No time or demand deposit in a financial 4 institution nor any debt instrument need be listed.

7 7. List the name of any unit of government which employed
8 the person making the statement during the preceding calendar
9 year other than the unit or units of government in relation to
10 which the person is required to file.

- 16 <del>year.</del>

"I declare that this statement of economic interests 19 20 (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a 21 22 true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. 23 T understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or 24 incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or 25 imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary 26

1 not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment."

5 (5 ILCS 420/4A-105) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-105)

6 Sec. 4A-105. Time for filing. Except as provided in 7 Section 4A-106.1, by May 1 of each year a statement must be 8 filed by each person whose position at that time subjects him 9 to the filing requirements of Section 4A-101 unless he has 10 already filed a statement in relation to the same unit of 11 government in that calendar year.

12 Statements must also be filed as follows:

(a) A candidate for elective office shall file his 13 14 statement not later than the end of the period during which 15 he can take the action necessary under the laws of this 16 State to attempt to qualify for nomination, election, or retention to such office if he has not already filed a 17 18 statement in relation to the same unit of government during that same calendar year within a year preceding such 19 action. 20

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(b) A person whose appointment to office is subject to confirmation by the Senate shall file his statement at the time his name is submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

24 (b-5) A special government agent, as defined in item
25 (1) of Section 4A-101 of this Act, shall file a statement

1 within 30 days after making the first ex parte 2 communication and each May 1 thereafter if he or she has 3 made an ex parte communication within the previous 12 4 months.

5 (c) Any other person required by this Article to file 6 the statement shall file a statement at the time of his or 7 her initial appointment or employment in relation to that 8 unit of government if appointed or employed by May 1.

9 If any person who is required to file a statement of 10 economic interests fails to file such statement by May 1 of any 11 year, the officer with whom such statement is to be filed under 12 Section 4A-106 of this Act shall, within 7 days after May 1, notify such person by certified mail of his or her failure to 13 14 file by the specified date. Except as may be prescribed by rule 15 of the Secretary of State, such person shall file his or her 16 statement of economic interests on or before May 15 with the 17 appropriate officer, together with a \$15 late filing fee. Any such person who fails to file by May 15 shall be subject to a 18 19 penalty of \$100 for each day from May 16 to the date of filing, 20 which shall be in addition to the \$15 late filing fee specified above. Failure to file by May 31 shall result in a forfeiture 21 22 in accordance with Section 4A-107 of this Act.

Any person who takes office or otherwise becomes required to file a statement of economic interests within 30 days prior to May 1 of any year may file his or her statement at any time on or before May 31 without penalty. If such person fails to

file such statement by May 31, the officer with whom such 1 2 statement is to be filed under Section 4A-106 of this Act 3 shall, within 7 days after May 31, notify such person by certified mail of his or her failure to file by the specified 4 5 date. Such person shall file his or her statement of economic 6 interests on or before June 15 with the appropriate officer, 7 together with a \$15 late filing fee. Any such person who fails 8 to file by June 15 shall be subject to a penalty of \$100 per day 9 for each day from June 16 to the date of filing, which shall be 10 in addition to the \$15 late filing fee specified above. Failure 11 to file by June 30 shall result in a forfeiture in accordance 12 with Section 4A-107 of this Act.

13 All late filing fees and penalties collected pursuant to 14 this Section shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund in the State treasury, if the Secretary of State receives such 15 16 statement for filing, or into the general fund in the county 17 treasury, if the county clerk receives such statement for filing. The Attorney General, with respect to the State, and 18 19 the several State's Attorneys, with respect to counties, shall 20 take appropriate action to collect the prescribed penalties.

Failure to file a statement of economic interests within the time prescribed shall not result in a fine or ineligibility for, or forfeiture of, office or position of employment, as the case may be; provided that the failure to file results from not being included for notification by the appropriate agency, clerk, secretary, officer or unit of government, as the case

1 may be, and that a statement is filed within 30 days of actual 2 notice of the failure to file.

Beginning with statements required to be filed on or after 3 May 1, 2009, the officer with whom a statement is to be filed 4 5 may, in his or her discretion, waive the late filing fee, the 6 monetary late filing penalty, and the ineligibility for or forfeiture of office or position for failure to file when the 7 8 person's late filing of a statement or failure to file a 9 statement is due to his or her (i) serious or catastrophic 10 illness that renders the person temporarily incapable of 11 completing the statement or (ii) military service.

12 (Source: P.A. 96-550, eff. 8-17-09.)

13 (5 ILCS 420/4A-106) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-106)

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#### Sec. 4A-106. Notification; electronic filing.

15 <u>(a)</u> The statements of economic interests required of 16 persons listed in items (a) through (f), item (j), item (l), 17 and item (n) of Section 4A-101 shall be filed with the 18 Secretary of State. <u>The Secretary of State shall by rule</u> 19 provide for the electronic filing of statements as follows:

Beginning January 1, 2012, or as soon thereafter as the Secretary of State has provided adequate software to persons required to file under this Article, all statements filed under this Article shall be filed in electronic format. The Secretary shall promptly upon verification make all statements filed under this Article publicly available by means of a searchable

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1 database that is accessible through the World Wide Web.
2 "Searchable" means, for the purpose of this Section, that any
3 person may query each question for any proper names and
4 addresses. The Secretary of State shall provide all software
5 necessary to comply with this Section and shall implement a
6 plan to provide computer access and assistance to persons
7 required to file by this Article.

8 (b) The statements of economic interests required of 9 persons listed in items (q), (h), (i), (k), and (o) of Section 10 4A-101 shall be filed with the county clerk of the county in 11 which the principal office of the unit of local government with 12 which the person is associated is located. If it is not 13 apparent which county the principal office of a unit of local 14 government is located, the chief administrative officer, or his or her designee, has the authority, for purposes of this Act, 15 16 to determine the county in which the principal office is 17 located.

(c) On or before February 1 annually, (1) the chief 18 administrative officer of any State agency in the executive, 19 20 legislative, or judicial branch employing persons required to file under item (f) or item (l) of Section 4A-101 and the chief 21 22 administrative officer of a board described in item (n) of 23 Section 4A-101 shall certify to the Secretary of State the 24 names and mailing addresses of those persons. The State Board 25 of Elections shall, within 14 days after the proclamation of the results of a general primary pursuant to Section 7-58 of 26

the Election Code, provide the Secretary of State with a true alphabetical listing of the names and related information, including their addresses and the office they are seeking, of candidates who were nominated in a general primary election. 7 and (2)

6 (d) On or before February 1 annually, the chief administrative officer, or his or her designee, of each unit of 7 8 local government with persons described in items (h), (i) and 9 (k) and a board described in item (o) of Section 4A-101 shall 10 certify to the appropriate county clerk a list of names and 11 addresses of persons described in items (h), (i), (k), and (o) 12 of Section 4A-101 that are required to file. In preparing the lists, each chief administrative officer, or his or her 13 14 designee, shall set out the names in alphabetical order. Any local election authority shall within 14 days after 15 16 proclamation of the results of a primary election, provide the 17 county clerk with a true alphabetical listing of the names and related information, including their addresses and the office 18 19 they are seeking, of candidates who nominated in a general 20 primary election. Any county clerk who makes available in his or her principal offices terminals by means of which the 21 22 general public may access statements of economic interest filed 23 with the Secretary of State's office and posted to the 24 Secretary of State's website may waive the requirement that a 25 person file a paper form with that county clerk with respect to persons whose forms have been electronically filed with the 26

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2 (e) On or before April 1 annually, the Secretary of State 3 shall notify (1) all persons whose names have been certified to him under items (f), (l), and (n) of Section 4A-101, and (2) 4 5 all persons described in items (a) through (e) and item (j) of 6 Section 4A-101, together, in even-numbered years, with the 7 names of candidates nominated at the most recent general 8 primary, other than candidates for office who have filed their 9 statements with their nominating petitions, of the 10 requirements for filing statements of economic interests. A 11 person required to file with the Secretary of State by virtue 12 of more than one item among items (a) through (f) and items (j), (l), and (n) shall be notified of and is required to file 13 only one statement of economic interests relating to all items 14 15 under which the person is required to file with the Secretary 16 of State.

17 (f) On or before April 1 annually, the county clerk of each county shall notify all persons whose names have been certified 18 19 to him under items (g), (h), (i), (k), and (o) of Section 20 4A-101, other than candidates for office who have filed their 21 statements with their nominating petitions, of the 22 requirements for filing statements of economic interests. A 23 person required to file with a county clerk by virtue of more 24 than one item among items (g), (h), (i), (k), and (o) shall be 25 notified of and is required to file only one statement of economic interests relating to all items under which the person 26

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1 is required to file with that county clerk.

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2 (g) Except as provided in Section 4A-106.1, the notices provided for in this Section shall be in writing and deposited 3 in the U.S. Mail, properly addressed, first class postage 4 5 prepaid, on or before the day required by this Section for the 6 sending of the notice. Alternatively, a county clerk may send the notices electronically to all persons whose names have been 7 8 thus certified to him under item (h), (i), or (k) of Section 9 4A-101. A certificate executed by the Secretary of State or 10 county clerk attesting that he or she has sent the notice by 11 the means permitted by this Section constitutes prima facie 12 evidence thereof.

13 (h) From the lists certified to him under this Section of 14 persons described in items (g), (h), (i), (k), and (o) of 15 Section 4A-101, the clerk of each county shall compile an 16 alphabetical listing of persons required to file statements of 17 economic interests in his office under any of those items. As the statements are filed in his office, the county clerk shall 18 cause the fact of that filing to be indicated on the 19 alphabetical listing of persons who are required to file 20 statements. Within 30 days after the due dates, the county 21 22 clerk shall mail to the State Board of Elections a true copy of 23 that listing showing those who have filed statements.

24 <u>(i)</u> The county clerk of each county shall note upon the 25 alphabetical listing the names of all persons required to file 26 a statement of economic interests who failed to file a statement on or before May 1. It shall be the duty of the several county clerks to give notice as provided in Section AA-105 to any person who has failed to file his or her statement with the clerk on or before May 1.

5 (j) Any person who files or has filed a statement of economic interest under this Act is entitled to receive from 6 7 the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be, a 8 receipt indicating that the person has filed such a statement, 9 the date of such filing, and the identity of the governmental 10 unit or units in relation to which the filing is required. A 11 county clerk shall issue such receipt either on proof that the 12 person has filed with the Secretary of State in electronic 13 format or upon receipt of a paper form.

14 <u>(k)</u> The Secretary of State may employ such employees and 15 consultants as he considers necessary to carry out his duties 16 hereunder, and may prescribe their duties, fix their 17 compensation, and provide for reimbursement of their expenses.

18 (1) The Secretary of State shall provide training, through 19 the Secretary of State's website, for ethics officers appointed 20 under the State Officers and Employees Ethics Act and through 21 the Secretary of State's website, for persons required to file 22 statements of economic interests.

23 (m) All statements of economic interests filed under this 24 Section shall be available for examination and copying by the 25 public at all reasonable times. Not later than 12 months after 26 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General

Assembly, beginning with statements filed in calendar year 2 2004, the Secretary of State shall make statements of economic 3 interests filed with the Secretary available for inspection and 4 copying via the Secretary's website.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-6, eff. 4-3-09; 96-1336, eff. 1-1-11.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon7 becoming law.