

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB4618

Introduced 2/5/2020, by Rep. Anne Stava-Murray

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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5 ILCS 420/1-102.5 new
5 ILCS 420/1-104.3 new
5 ILCS 420/1-104.4 new
5 ILCS 420/1-104.5 new
5 ILCS 420/1-105.2 new
5 ILCS 420/1-105.3 new
5 ILCS 420/1-105.5 new
5 ILCS 420/1-105.6 new
5 ILCS 420/1-105.7 new
5 ILCS 420/1-110
                                       from Ch. 127, par. 601-110
5 ILCS 420/1-112.5 new
5 ILCS 420/1-113.6 new
5 ILCS 420/1-113.7 new
5 ILCS 420/4A-102
                                        from Ch. 127, par. 604A-102
5 ILCS 420/4A-103
                                        from Ch. 127, par. 604A-103
5 ILCS 420/4A-108
5 ILCS 420/4A-104 rep.
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Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Creates a uniform statement of economic interest form that must be completed by all persons who are required to file that form under the Act. Changes the nature of the required disclosures that must be made. Requires candidates filing for Supreme Court Judge, appellate court judge, circuit court judge, or judicial retention to file his or her statement of economic interests in written or printed form. Repeals a provision that established a separate form for persons required to file a statement of economic interests with county clerks. Defines terms. Adds applicability clause. Makes conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended by changing Sections 1-110, 4A-102, 4A-103, and 4A-108 and by adding Sections 1-102.5, 1-104.3, 1-104.4, 1-104.5, 1-105.2, 1-105.3, 1-105.5, 1-105.6, 1-105.7, 1-112.5, 1-113.6, and 1-113.7 as follows:
- 9 (5 ILCS 420/1-102.5 new)
- Sec. 1-102.5. Asset. "Asset" means, for the purposes of 10 Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, an item that is owned and has 11 12 monetary value. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, assets include, but are not limited to: stocks, bonds, sector 13 14 mutual funds, sector exchange traded funds, commodity futures, investment real estate, and partnership interests. For the 15 16 purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, assets do not include: personal residences; personal vehicles; savings or checking 17 accounts; bonds, notes, or securities issued by any branch of 18 19 federal, state, or local government; Medicare benefits; inheritances or bequests; diversified funds; annuities; 20 21 pensions (including government pensions); retirement accounts; 22 college savings plans that are qualified tuition plans; qualified tax-advantaged savings programs that allow 23

- 1 <u>individuals</u> to save for disability-related expenses; or
- 2 tangible personal property.
- 3 (5 ILCS 420/1-104.3 new)
- 4 Sec. 1-104.3. Creditor. "Creditor" means, for the purposes 5 of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, an individual, organization, or 6 other business entity to whom money or its equivalent is owed, 7 no matter whether that obligation is secured or unsecured, 8 except that if a filer makes a loan to members of his or her 9 family, or a political committee registered with the Illinois 10 State Board of Election, or a political committee, principal 11 campaign committee, or authorized committee registered with 12 the Federal Election Commission, then that filer does not, by 13 making such a loan, become a creditor of that individual or
- entity for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103 of this
- 15 Act.
- 16 (5 ILCS 420/1-104.4 new)
- 17 Sec. 1-104.4. Debt. "Debt" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, any money or monetary obligation 18 owed at any time during the preceding calendar year to an 19 20 individual, company, or other organization, other than a loan 21 that is from a financial institution, government agency, or 22 business entity and that is granted on terms made available to 23 the general public. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, "debt" includes, but is not limited to: personal loans 24

from friends or business associates, business loans made 1 2 outside the lender's regular course of business, and loans made 3 at below market rates. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4 4A-103, "debt" does not include: (i) debts to or from financial 5 institutions or government entities, such as mortgages, student loans, credit card debts, or loans secured by 6 7 automobiles, household furniture, or appliances, as long as 8 those loans were made on terms available to the general public 9 and do not exceed the purchase price of the items securing 10 them; or (ii) debts to or from a political committee registered 11 with the Illinois State Board of Elections or political 12 committees, principal campaign committees, or authorized committees registered with the Federal Election Commission. 13

14 (5 ILCS 420/1-104.5 new)

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Sec. 1-104.5. Diversified funds. "Diversified funds" means investment products, such as mutual funds, exchange traded funds, or unit investment trusts, that invest in a wide variety of securities. "Diversified funds" does not include sector funds.

20 (5 ILCS 420/1-105.2 new)

Sec. 1-105.2. Economic relationship. "Economic relationship" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, any joint or shared ownership interests in businesses and creditor-debtor relationships with third parties, other

- than commercial lending institutions, where: (a) the filer is
 entitled to receive (i) more than 7.5% of the total
 distributable income, or (ii) an amount in excess of the salary
 of the Governor; or (b) the filer together with his or her
 spouse or minor children is entitled to receive (i) more than
 15%, in the aggregate, of the total distributable income, or
 (ii) an amount in excess of 2 times the salary of the Governor.
- 8 (5 ILCS 420/1-105.3 new)
- Sec. 1-105.3. Family. "Family" means, for the purposes of

 Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, a filer's spouse, children,

 step-children, parents, step-parents, siblings, step-siblings,

 half-siblings, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandfathers,

 grandmothers, grandsons, and granddaughters, as well as the

 father, mother, grandfather, and grandmother of the filer's

 spouse, and any person living with the filer.
- 16 (5 ILCS 420/1-105.5 new)
- Sec. 1-105.5. Filer. "Filer" means, for the purposes of

 Section 4A-102 and 4A-103, a person required to file a

 statement of economic interests pursuant to this Act.
- 20 (5 ILCS 420/1-105.6 new)
- Sec. 1-105.6. Income. "Income" means, for the purposes of

 Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, pension income and any income from

 whatever source derived, required to be reported on the filer's

federal income tax return, including, but not limited to: 1 2 compensation received for services rendered or to be rendered 3 (as required to be reported on any Internal Revenue Service forms, including, but not limited to, W-2, 1099, or K-1); 4 5 earnings or capital gains from the sale of assets; profit; interest or dividend income from all assets; revenue from 6 leases and rentals, royalties, prizes, awards, or barter; 7 forgiveness of debt; and earnings derived from annuities or 8 9 trusts other than testamentary trusts. "Income" does not 10 include compensation earned for service in the position that 11 necessitates the filing of the statement of economic interests 12 or income from the sale of a personal residence or personal 13 vehicle.

- 14 (5 ILCS 420/1-105.7 new)
- Sec. 1-105.7. Investment real estate. "Investment real estate" means any real property, other than a filer's personal residences, purchased to produce a profit, whether from income or resale. Investment real estate may be described by the city and state where the real estate is located.
- 20 (5 ILCS 420/1-110) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-110)
- Sec. 1-110. "Lobbyist" means <u>an individual who is required</u>
 to be registered to engage in lobbying activities pursuant to
 any statute, regulation, or ordinance adopted by a unit of
 qovernment in the State of Illinois any person required to be

- 1 registered under "An Act concerning lobbying and providing a
- 2 penalty for violation thereof", approved July 10, 1957, as
- 3 amended.
- 4 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)
- 5 (5 ILCS 420/1-112.5 new)
- 6 Sec. 1-112.5. Personal residence. "Personal residence"
- 7 means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, a
- 8 filer's primary home residence and any residential real
- 9 property held by the filer and used by the filer for
- 10 residential rather than commercial or income generating
- 11 purposes.
- 12 (5 ILCS 420/1-113.6 new)
- Sec. 1-113.6. Sector funds. "Sector funds" means mutual
- 14 funds or exchange traded funds invested in a particular
- industry or business.
- 16 (5 ILCS 420/1-113.7 new)
- Sec. 1-113.7. Spouse. "Spouse" means a party to a marriage,
- a party to a civil union, or a registered domestic partner.
- 19 (5 ILCS 420/4A-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-102)
- 20 Sec. 4A-102. The statement of economic interests required
- 21 by this Article shall include the economic interests of the
- 22 person making the statement as provided in this Section. The

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- (1) each asset that has a value of more than \$5,000 as of the end of the preceding calendar year and is: (i) held in the filer's name, (ii) held jointly by the filer with his or her spouse, or (iii) held jointly by the filer with his or her minor child or children;
- (2) excluding the income from the position that requires the filing of a statement of economic interests under this Act, each source of income in excess of \$1,200 during the preceding calendar year (as required to be reported on the filer's federal income tax return covering the preceding calendar year) and, if the sale or transfer of an asset produced more than \$5,000 in capital gains during the preceding calendar year, the transaction date on which that asset was sold or transferred;
- (3) each creditor of a debt in excess of \$5,000 that, during the preceding calendar year, was: (i) owed by the filer, (ii) owed jointly by the filer with his or her spouse or (iii) owed jointly by the filer with his or her minor child or children;
 - (4) each debtor of a debt in excess of \$5,000 that,

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- (5) the name of each unit of government of which the filer was an employee, contractor, or office holder during the preceding calendar year other than the unit or units of government in relation to which the person is required to file and the title of the position or nature of the contractual services;
- (6) each person known to the filer to be registered as a lobbyist with any unit of government in the State of Illinois: (i) with whom the filer maintains an economic relationship, or (ii) who is a member of the filer's family; and
- (7) each source and type of gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$500 that was received during the preceding calendar year, excluding any gift or gifts from a member of the filer's family that was not known to the filer to be registered as a lobbyist with any unit of government in the State of Illinois.

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

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The interest (if constructively controlled by the person making the statement) of a spouse or any other party, shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person making the statement. Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement.

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

- (1) The name, address and type of practice of any 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;
- (2) The nature of professional services (other than services rendered to the unit or units of government in relation to which the person is required to file) and the nature of the entity to which they were rendered if fees exceeding \$5,000 were received during the preceding calendar year from the entity for professional services rendered by the person making the statement.
- (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

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- (4) The name of any unit of government which has employed the person making the statement during the preceding calendar year other than the unit or units of government in relation to which the person is required to file.
- (5) The name of any entity from which a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar year.
- (b) The following interests shall also be listed by persons listed in items (a) through (f), item (l), item (n), and item (p) of Section 4A-101:
 - (1) The name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business in the State of Illinois, in which an ownership interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value or from which dividends of in excess of \$1,200 were derived 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 need be listed;
 - (2) Except for professional service entities, the name of any entity and any position held therein from which income of in excess of \$1,200 was derived during

the preceding calendar year, if the entity does business in the State of Illinois. No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed.

(3) 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.

(c) The following interests shall also be listed by persons listed in items (a) through (c) and item (e) of Section 4A-101.5:

entity doing business with a unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file if the ownership interest of the person filing is greater than \$5,000 fair market value as of the date of filing or if dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received from the entity 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 need be listed.

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

(3) The name of any entity and the nature of the governmental action requested by any entity which has applied to a unit of local government in relation to which the person must file for any license, franchise or permit for annexation, zoning or rezoning of real estate during the preceding calendar year if the ownership interest of the person filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing or if income or dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received by the person filing from the entity during the 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 (e) of Section 4A-101.5 shall be the unit of local government that contributes to the pension fund of which such person is a member of the board.

(Source: P.A. 101-221, eff. 8-9-19.)

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1 (5 ILCS 420/4A-103) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-103)

Sec. 4A-103. The statement of economic interests required by this Article to be filed with the Secretary of State or county clerk shall be filled in by typewriting or hand printing, shall be verified, dated, and signed by the person making the statement and shall contain substantially the following:

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

- 9 <u>INSTRUCTIONS:</u>
- You may find the following documents helpful to you in completing this form:
- 12 (1) federal income tax returns, including any related 13 schedules, attachments, and forms; and
- 14 (2) investment and brokerage statements.
- To complete this form, you do not need to disclose specific

 amounts or values or report interests relating either to

 political committees registered with the Illinois State Board

 of Elections or to political committees, principal campaign

 committees, or authorized committees registered with the

 Federal Election Commission.
- 21 <u>The information you disclose will be available to the</u> 22 public.
- You must answer all 6 questions. Certain questions will ask
 you to report any applicable assets or debts held in your name;

1	held jointly with your spouse; or held jointly by you with your
2	minor child. If you have any concerns about whether an interest
3	should be reported, please consult your department's ethics
4	officer, if applicable.
5	Please ensure that the information you provide is complete
6	and accurate. If you need more space than the form allows,
7	please attach additional pages for your response. If you are
8	subject to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, your
9	ethics officer must review your statement of economic interests
10	before you file it. Failure to complete the statement in good
11	faith and within the prescribed deadline may subject you to
12	fines, imprisonment, or both.
13	BASIC INFORMATION:
14	<u>Name:</u>
15	<u>Job title:</u>
16	Office, department, or agency that requires you to file this
17	form:
18	Other offices, departments, or agencies that require you to
19	file a Statement of Economic Interests form:
20	Full mailing address:
21	Preferred e-mail address (optional)
22	QUESTIONS:
23	1. If you have any single asset that was worth more than

\$5,000 as of the end of the preceding calendar year and is held

1	in your name, held jointly by you with your spouse, or held
2	jointly by you with your minor child, list such assets below.
3	In the case of investment real estate, list the city and state
4	where the investment real estate is located. If you do not have
5	any such assets, list "none" below.
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11	2. Excluding the position for which you are required to
12	file this form, list the source of any income in excess of
13	\$1,200 required to be reported during the preceding calendar
14	year. If you sold an asset that produced more than \$5,000 in
15	capital gains in the preceding calendar year, list the name of
16	the asset and the transaction date on which the sale or
17	transfer took place. If you had no such sources of income or
18	assets, list "none" below.
19	Source of Income / Name of Date Sold (if applicable)
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24	3. Excluding debts incurred on terms available to the
25	general public, such as mortgages, student loans, and credit

card debts, if you owed any single debt in the preceding

calendar year exceeding \$5,000, list the creditor of the debt

below. If you had no such debts, list "none" below.

List the creditor for all applicable debts owed by you, owed jointly by you with your spouse, or owed jointly by you with your minor child. In addition to the types of debts listed above, you do not need to report any debts to or from financial institutions or government agencies, such as debts secured by automobiles, household furniture or appliances, as long as the debt was made on terms available to the general public, debts to members of your family, or debts to or from a political committee registered with the Illinois State Board of Elections or any political committee, principal campaign committee, or authorized committee registered with the Federal Election Commission.

4. Excluding debts owed to you by members of your family or by a political committee, if there is any entity or person who owed any debt to you in the preceding calendar year exceeding \$5,000, list the debtor below. If no such debts were owed to you, list "none" below.

List the debtor for all applicable debts owed to you, owed jointly to you with your spouse, or owed jointly to you with

1	your minor child. You do not need to report loans made to
2	members of your family or to a political committee registered
3	with the Illinois State Board of Elections or any political
4	committee, principal campaign committee, or authorized
5	committee registered with the Federal Election Commission.
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9	5. List the name of each unit of government of which the
10	filer was an employee, contractor, or office holder during the
11	preceding calendar year other than the unit or units of
12	government in relation to which the person is required to file
13	and the title of the position or nature of the contractual
14	services.
15	Name of Unit of Government Title or Nature of Services
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19	6. If you maintain an economic relationship with a lobbyist
20	or if a member of your family is known to you to be a lobbyist
21	registered with any unit of government in the State of
22	Illinois, list the name of the lobbyist below and identify the
23	nature of your relationship with the lobbyist. If you do not
24	have an economic relationship with a lobbyist or a family
25	member known to you to be a lobbyist registered with any unit

of government in the State of Illinois, list "none" below.

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6	7. List the name of each	person, organization, or entity
7	that was the source of a gr	ift or gifts, or honorarium or
8	honoraria, valued singly or ir	the aggregate in excess of \$500
9	received during the preceding	calendar year, excluding any gift
10	or gifts from a member of your	family that was not known to be a
11	lobbyist registered with any u	nit of government in the State of
12	Illinois. If you had no such gi	fts, list "none" below.
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16	VERIFICATION:	
17	"I declare that this s	tatement of economic interests
18	(including any attachments) ha	s been examined by me and to the
19	best of my knowledge and belie	f is a true, correct and complete
20	statement of my economic inter	rests as required by the Illinois
21	Governmental Ethics Act. I u	inderstand that the penalty for
22	willfully filing a false or ir	complete statement is a fine not
23	to exceed \$2,500 or imprisonm	ent in a penal institution other
24		exceed one year, or both fine and

1	<u>imprisonment."</u>
2	Printed Name of Filer
3	Date
4	Signature
5	If this statement of economic interests requires ethics officer
6	review prior to filing, the applicable ethics officer must
7	<pre>complete the following:</pre>
8	CERTIFICATION OF ETHICS OFFICER REVIEW:
9	"In accordance with law, as Ethics Officer, I reviewed this
10	statement of economic interests prior to its filing."
11	Printed Name of Ethics Officer
12	<u>Date</u>
13	Signature
14	Preferred e-mail address (optional)
15	STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST
16	(TYPE OR HAND PRINT)
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The interest (if constructively controlled by the person making the statement) of a spouse or any other party, shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person making the statement. Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement. If additional space is needed, please attach supplemental listing. 1. List the name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business in the State of Illinois, in which the ownership 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 derived 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 need be listed. Business Entity Instrument of Ownership 2. List the name, address and type of practice of any professional organization in which the person making the statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or

proprietor or served in any advisory capacity, from which

1	income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the precedim	ng
2	calendar year.	
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7	3. List the nature of professional services rendered (other	er
8	than to the State of Illinois) to each entity from which incor	ne
9	exceeding \$5,000 was received for professional service	es
10	rendered during the preceding calendar year by the person	9n
11	making the statement.	
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14	4. List the identity (including the address or lega	al
15	description of real estate) of any capital asset from which	-a
16	capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the	ne
17	preceding calendar year.	
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20	5. List the identity of any compensated lobbyist with who	⊃m
21	the person making the statement maintains a close economic	ic
22	association, including the name of the lobbyist and specifying	ng
23	the legislative matter or matters which are the object of the	ne
24	lobbying activity, and describing the general type of economic	i c
25	activity of the client or principal on whose behalf that person	эn
26	is lobbying.	

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4	6. List the name of any entity doing business in the	State
5	of Illinois from which income in excess of \$1,200 was do	erived
6	during the preceding calendar year other than for profes	sional
7	services and the title or description of any position he	eld in
8	that entity. (In the case of real estate, location the	lereof
9	shall be listed by street address, or if none, then by	-legal
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11	institution nor any debt instrument need be listed.	
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16	7. List the name of any unit of government which emp)loyed
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19	which the person is required to file.	
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22	8. List the name of any entity from which a gift or	jifts,
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VERIFICATION:

2 "I declare that this statement of economic interests 3 (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a 4 5 true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. I 6 7 understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000 8 9 imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary 10 not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment." 11 12 (date of filing) (signature of person making the statement) (Source: P.A. 95-173, eff. 1-1-08.) 13

- 14 (5 ILCS 420/4A-108)
- Sec. 4A-108. Internet-based systems of filing.
 - (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any other law, the Secretary of State and county clerks are authorized to institute an Internet-based system for the filing of statements of economic interests in their offices. With respect to county clerk systems, the determination to institute such a system shall be in the sole discretion of the county clerk and shall meet the requirements set out in this Section. With respect to a Secretary of State system, the determination to institute such a system shall be in the sole discretion of the Secretary of State and shall meet the requirements set out

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in this Section and those Sections of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act requiring ethics officer review prior to filing. The system shall be capable of allowing an ethics officer to approve a statement of economic interests and shall include a means to amend a statement of economic interests. When this Section does not modify or remove the requirements set forth elsewhere in this Article, those requirements shall apply to any system of Internet-based filing authorized by this Section. When this Section does modify or remove the requirements set forth elsewhere in this Article, the provisions of this Section shall apply to any system of Internet-based filing authorized by this Section.

- (b) In any system of Internet-based filing of statements of economic interests instituted by the Secretary of State or a county clerk:
 - (1) Any filing of an Internet-based statement of economic interests shall be the equivalent of the filing of a verified, written statement of economic interests as required by Section 4A-101 or 4A-101.5 and the equivalent of the filing of a verified, dated, and signed statement of economic interests as required by Section 4A-103 4A-104.
 - (2) The Secretary of State and county clerks who institute a system of Internet-based filing of statements of economic interests shall establish a password-protected website to receive the filings of such statements. A website established under this Section shall set forth and

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provide a means of responding to the items set forth in Section 4A-103 4A-102 that are required of a person who files a statement of economic interests with that officer. A website established under this Section shall set forth and provide a means of generating a printable receipt page acknowledging filing.

(3) The times for the filing of statements of economic interests set forth in Section 4A-105 shall be followed in any system of Internet-based filing of statements of economic interests; provided that a candidate for elective office who is required to file a statement of economic interests in relation to his or her candidacy pursuant to Section 4A-105(a) shall receive a written or printed receipt for his or her filing.

A candidate filing for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller, State Senate, State House of or Representatives, Supreme Court Judge, appellate court judge, circuit court judge, or judicial retention shall not use the Internet to file his or her statement of economic interests, but shall file his or her statement of economic interests in a written or printed form and shall receive a written or printed receipt for his or her filing. Annually, the duly appointed ethics officer for each legislative caucus shall certify to the Secretary of State whether his or her caucus members will file their statements of

economic interests electronically or in a written or printed format for that year. If the ethics officer for a caucus certifies that the statements of economic interests shall be written or printed, then members of the General Assembly of that caucus shall not use the Internet to file his or her statement of economic interests, but shall file his or her statement of economic interests in a written or printed form and shall receive a written or printed receipt for his or her filing. If no certification is made by an ethics officer for a legislative caucus, or if a member of the General Assembly is not affiliated with a legislative caucus, then the affected member or members of the General Assembly may file their statements of economic interests using the Internet.

- (4) In the first year of the implementation of a system of Internet-based filing of statements of economic interests, each person required to file such a statement is to be notified in writing of his or her obligation to file his or her statement of economic interests by way of the Internet-based system. If access to the website web-site requires a code or password, this information shall be included in the notice prescribed by this paragraph.
- (5) When a person required to file a statement of economic interests has supplied the Secretary of State or a county clerk, as applicable, with an email address for the purpose of receiving notices under this Article by email, a

notice sent by email to the supplied email address shall be the equivalent of a notice sent by first class mail, as set forth in Section 4A-106 or 4A-106.5. A person who has supplied such an email address shall notify the Secretary of State or county clerk, as applicable, when his or her email address changes or if he or she no longer wishes to receive notices by email.

- (6) If any person who is required to file a statement of economic interests and who has chosen to receive notices by email fails to file his or her statement by May 10, then the Secretary of State or county clerk, as applicable, shall send an additional email notice on that date, informing the person that he or she has not filed and describing the penalties for late filing and failing to file. This notice shall be in addition to other notices provided for in this Article.
- (7) The Secretary of State and each county clerk who institutes a system of Internet-based filing of statements of economic interests may also institute an Internet-based process for the filing of the list of names and addresses of persons required to file statements of economic interests by the chief administrative officers that must file such information with the Secretary of State or county clerk, as applicable, pursuant to Section 4A-106 or 4A-106.5. Whenever the Secretary of State or a county clerk institutes such a system under this paragraph, every chief

- administrative officer must use the system to file this information.
- 3 (8) The Secretary of State and any county clerk who
 4 institutes a system of Internet-based filing of statements
 5 of economic interests shall post the contents of such
 6 statements filed with him or her available for inspection
 7 and copying on a publicly accessible website. Such postings
 8 shall not include the addresses or signatures of the
 9 filers.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 100-1041, eff. 1-1-19; 101-221, eff. 8-9-19; 11 revised 9-12-19.)
- 12 (5 ILCS 420/4A-104 rep.)
- Section 10. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended by repealing Section 4A-104.
- Section 98. Applicability. The provisions of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly concerning statements of economic interests shall apply to statements of economic interests filed in 2021 and for each year thereafter. Any statement of economic interests filed prior to 2021 shall apply the law in effect before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly.