



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB4098

by Rep. Dwight Kay - Paul Evans

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 5/20 new

Amends the Supreme Court Act. Provides that the Supreme Court shall establish rules requiring that immediately upon the assignment of a matter to a judge, an attorney in the matter must disclose to the court and parties to the matter any campaign contribution made to that judge by the attorney or the attorney's law firm. Provides that the rules shall provide that in the event that the aggregate of any campaign contributions in excess of \$500 was made in the past 5 years to the judge's campaign by the attorney or the attorney's law firm, the judge shall disqualify himself or herself upon timely application made by a party to the matter who has not made any contribution to the judge's campaign. Provides that the rules shall not preclude disqualification due to any other rule or with respect to contributions under \$500 or made more than 5 years before the assignment of the matter to the judge. Provides that the rules shall apply to contributions to a person who becomes a judge and who received contributions to the person's campaign for a nomination for election to any judicial office, an election of a judicial candidate, and a judicial retention election. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 5. The Supreme Court Act is amended by adding
5 Section 20 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 5/20 new)

7 Sec. 20. Campaign contribution disclosure. The Supreme
8 Court shall establish rules requiring that immediately upon the
9 assignment of a matter to a judge, an attorney in that matter
10 must disclose to the judge and any party to the matter any
11 campaign contribution made to that judge by that attorney or
12 the attorney's law firm. The rules shall provide that in the
13 event that the aggregate of any such campaign contributions in
14 excess of \$500 was made in the past 5 years to a judge's
15 campaign by the attorney or the attorney's law firm, the judge
16 shall disqualify himself or herself upon timely application
17 made by a party to the matter who has not made any contribution
18 to the judge's campaign. The rules shall not preclude
19 disqualification due to any other rule or with respect to
20 contributions less than \$500 or made more than 5 years before
21 the assignment of the matter to the judge. The rules shall
22 apply to any campaign contribution to a person who becomes a
23 judge and who received contributions to the person's campaign

1 for the nomination for election to any judicial office, the
2 election to any judicial office, or a judicial retention
3 election.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.