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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

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AN ACT concerning ethics.

# 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, 4A-104, 4A-105, and 4A-106 6 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

1 Board of Elections, unless such receipts are claimed for 2 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 7 \$15,000, (v) greater than \$15,000 but not more than \$50,000, (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	(1) The source, type, and amount or value of income
5	(other than income referred in subsection (a)(2)) from any
6	source other than from current employment by the State of
7	Illinois.
8	(2) The source and type of income which consists of
9	income from dividends, rents, interest, trusts, and
10	capital gains, received during the preceding calendar year
11	which exceeds \$200 in amount or value, and an indication of
12	the appropriate category of value such item of income is
13	within.
14	(3) The source, date, and amount of payments made to
15	<u>charitable organizations in lieu of honoraria with a</u>
16	corresponding list of recipients of all such payments,
17	together with the dates and amounts of such payments.
18	(4) The identity and category of value of any interest
19	in property held during the preceding calendar year in a
20	trade or business or for investment or production of
21	income, if the property has a fair market value in excess
22	of \$1,000 at the close of the preceding calendar year. This
23	item does not include any personal liability owed (i) to
24	the person filing the statement by his or her immediate
25	family members or (ii) to the spouse of the person filing
26	the statement. This item also does not include deposits

1	aggregating \$5,000 or less in a personal savings account,
2	including certificates of deposit and any other form of
3	deposit in a bank, savings and loan association, credit
4	union, or similar financial institution.

5 <u>(5) The identity and category of value of the total</u> 6 <u>liabilities in excess of \$5,000 owed at any time during the</u> 7 <u>preceding calendar year to any creditor other than (i) an</u> 8 <u>immediate family member of the person filing the statement</u> 9 <u>or (ii) an immediate family member of the spouse of the</u> 10 <u>person filing the statement. This item does not include:</u>

11(A) Any mortgage secured by real property that is12the primary personal residence of the person filing the13statement.

14(B) Any loan secured by a personal motor vehicle,15household furniture, appliances, or other similar16effect if the loan does not exceed the purchase price17of the item or items that secure it.

18 <u>(C) Any debt owed by a political committee</u> 19 <u>associated with the person filing the statement,</u> 20 <u>provided that such debt is reported as required by</u> 21 <u>Article 9 of the Election Code.</u>

22 With regard to revolving charge accounts, the person filing 23 the statement need report only his or her outstanding aggregate 24 liability across all accounts, and only if in excess of \$10,000 25 at the close of the preceding calendar year.

26 (6) A brief description, the date, and the category of

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

20 <u>(8) The date of, the parties to, and a description of</u> 21 <u>the terms of any agreement or arrangement with respect to</u> 22 <u>(i) future employment; (ii) a leave of absence from the</u> 23 <u>unit of government in relation to which the person is</u> 24 <u>required to file the statement; (iii) contributions or</u> 25 <u>payments by a former employer other than the unit of</u> 26 <u>government in relation to which the person is required to</u>

1	file the statement; and (iv) continuing participation in an
2	employee welfare or benefit plan with a former employer.
3	(9) The source, date, and amount of honoraria
4	aggregating \$200 or more during the preceding calendar
5	year.
6	(10) The source, date, and amount or value of any gift
7	or gifts (i) valued singularly or in the aggregate in
8	excess of \$500 during the preceding calendar year to the
9	person filing the statement or an immediate family member
10	of the person filing the statement, from any person other
11	than an immediate family member or (ii)from a prohibited
12	source as defined by the State Officials and Employees
13	Ethics Act, even if that source is also an immediate family
14	member, and within any of the following captioned items
15	listed in Section 10-15 of that Act, regardless of whether
16	the person filing the statement is otherwise subject to
17	that Act: educational materials and missions; and travel
18	expenses for a meeting to discuss State government.
19	(1) The name, address and type of practice of any
20	professional organization or individual professional
21	practice in which the person making the statement was
22	an officer, director, associate, partner or
23	proprietor, or served in any advisory capacity, from
24	which income in excess of \$1200 was derived during the
25	preceding calendar year;
26	(2) The nature of professional services (other

1than services rendered to the unit or units of2government in relation to which the person is required3to file) and the nature of the entity to which they4were rendered if fees exceeding \$5,000 were received5during the preceding calendar year from the entity for6professional services rendered by the person making7the statement.

8 (3) The identity (including the address or legal 9 description of real estate) of any capital asset from 10 which a capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized in 11 the preceding calendar year.

12 <u>(11)</u> (4) The name of any unit of government which 13 has employed the person making the statement during the 14 preceding calendar year other than the unit or units of 15 government in relation to which the person is required 16 to file.

17 (5) The name of any entity from which a gift or 18 gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in 19 the aggregate in excess of \$500, was received during 20 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:

(1) (Blank.) 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

1the date of filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market2value or from which dividends of in excess of \$1,2003were derived during the preceding calendar year. (In4the case of real estate, location thereof shall be5listed by street address, or if none, then by legal6description). No time or demand deposit in a financial7institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed;

8 (Blank.) Except for professional (2) -service 9 entities, the name of any entity and any position held 10 therein from which income of in excess of \$1,200 was 11 derived during the preceding calendar year, if the 12 entity does business in the State of Illinois. No time 13 demand deposit in a financial institution, nor debt instrument need be listed. 14

15 (3) The identity of any compensated lobbyist with 16 whom the person making the statement maintains a close 17 economic or personal relationship association, including the name of the lobbyist and specifying the 18 legislative matter or matters which are the object of 19 20 the lobbying activity, and describing the general type 21 of economic activity of the client or principal on 22 whose behalf that person is lobbying.

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

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(1) The name and instrument of ownership in any

entity doing business with a unit of local government 1 2 in relation to which the person is required to file if 3 the ownership interest of the person filing is greater than \$5,000 fair market value as of the date of filing 4 5 or if dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received from the entity during the preceding calendar year. (In the 6 7 case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by street address, or if none, then by legal 8 9 description). No time or demand deposit in a financial 10 institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed.

11 (2) (Blank.) Except for professional service 12 entities, the name of any entity and any position held from which income in excess of \$1,200 13 therein-WAG 14 derived during the preceding calendar year if the 15 entity does business with a unit of local government in 16 relation to which the person is required to file. No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor 17 any debt instrument need be listed. 18

19 (3) The name of any entity and the nature of the 20 governmental action requested by any entity which has 21 applied to a unit of local government in relation to 22 which the person must file for any license, franchise 23 or permit for annexation, zoning or rezoning of real 24 estate during the preceding calendar year if the 25 ownership interest of the person filing is in excess of 26 \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing or if

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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 (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.

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

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(5 ILCS 420/4A-102.5 new)

11 <u>Sec. 4A-102.5. Appointee supplemental statement. Persons</u> 12 filing statements of economic interests as a result of their 13 <u>nomination to a board or commission shall also, at the same</u> 14 <u>time and in the same manner, file a supplement to the statement</u> 15 containing the following information:

16 (1) Any contributions, in excess of \$150 in the aggregate, to any political committee organized under the 17 18 Election Code made since the end of the last preceding 19 semi-annual (until January 1, 2011) or quarterly 20 (beginning January 1, 2011) disclosure period and the date 21 the person files the statement of economic interests, 22 including the amount of the contribution, the date, and the 23 recipient. 24

24(2) Any contribution made to a legal defense fund since25the filing of the last previous statement of economic

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1	interests or, if the person is filing his or her first
2	statement of economic interests, in the 12 months preceding
3	the filing date.
4	(3) The name of any immediate family member who is
5	registered as a lobbyist with any State or federal agency
6	or office.

7 (5 ILCS 420/4A-103) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-103)

Sec. 4A-103. The statement of economic interests required 8 9 by this Article to be filed with the Secretary of State shall 10 be filled in by typewriting or hand printing, shall be verified, dated, and signed by manual or electronic means as 11 12 appropriate by the person making the statement, and made in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State that shall, in paper 13 and electronic formats, substantially replicate the design of 14 15 the 2002 Public Financial Disclosure Report forms employed by 16 the United States Congress for purposes of complying with the Ethics in Government <u>Act of 1978.</u> and shall contain 17 18 substantially the following: STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST 19 20 (TYPE OR HAND PRINT) 21 22 (name) 23

24 (each office or position of employment for which this statement

25 <del>is filed)</del>

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2	(full mailing address)
3	GENERAL DIRECTIONS:
4	The interest (if constructively controlled by the person
5	making the statement) of a spouse or any other party, shall be
6	considered to be the same as the interest of the person making
7	the statement.
8	Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement.
9	If additional space is needed, please attach supplemental
10	<del>listing.</del>
11	1. List the name and instrument of ownership in any entity
12	doing business in the State of Illinois, in which the ownership
13	interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess
14	of \$5,000 fair market value or from which dividends in excess
15	of \$1,200 were derived during the preceding calendar year. (In
16	the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by
17	street address, or if none, then by legal description.) No time
18	or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt
19	instrument need be listed.
20	Business Entity Instrument of Ownership
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25	2. List the name, address and type of practice of any
26	professional organization in which the person making the

statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or 1 2 proprietor or served in any advisory capacity, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding 3 calendar vear. 4 5 Name Address Type of Practice 6 ······ 7 ······ 8 ······ 9 3. List the nature of professional services rendered (other 10 than to the State of Illinois) to each entity from which income exceeding \$5,000 was received for professional services 11 rendered during the preceding calendar year by the person 12 making the statement. 13 14 -----15 16 4. List the identity (including the address or legal description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a 17 capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the 18 preceding calendar year. 19 20 21 22 5. List the identity of any compensated lobbyist with whom 23 the person making the statement maintains a close economic association, including the name of the lobbyist and specifying 24 the legislative matter or matters which are the object of the 25 lobbying activity, and describing the general type of economic 26

1 activity of the client or principal on whose behalf that person
2 is lobbying.

Lobbyist Legislative Matter Client or Principal 3 4 ······ 5 6. List the name of any entity doing business in the State 6 7 of Illinois from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year other than for professional 8 services and the title or description of any position held in 9 10 that entity. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by street address, or if none, then by legal 11 description). No time or demand deposit in a financial 12 institution nor any debt instrument need be listed. 13 Entity Position Held 14 15 ····· 16 <del>.....</del> 17 ····· 18 7. List the name of any unit of government which employed the person making the statement during the preceding calendar 19 20 year other than the unit or units of government in relation to which the person is required to file. 21 22 \_\_\_\_\_ 23 ..... 24 8. List the name of any entity from which a gift or gifts,

24 or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate
 26 in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar

1 <del>year.</del>

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

16 (5 ILCS 420/4A-104) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-104)

Sec. 4A-104. The statement of economic interests required 17 by this Article to be filed with the county clerk shall be 18 filled in by typewriting or hand printing, shall be verified, 19 dated, and signed by manual or electronic means as appropriate 20 21 by the person making the statement, and made on a form 22 prescribed by the Secretary of State that shall substantially replicate the design of the 2002 Public Financial Disclosure 23 24 Report forms employed by the United States Congress for purposes of complying with the Ethics in Government Act of 25

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1	<u>1978.</u> shall contain substant	tially the	following:
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7	(each office or position of	employment	for which this statement
8	is filed)		·····
9	(full mailing address)		
10	GENERAL DIRECTIONS:		
11	The interest (if const.	ructively -	controlled by the person
12	making the statement) of a	<del>spouse or a</del>	any other party, shall be
13	considered to be the same a	<del>s the inte</del>	rest of the person making
14	the statement.		
15	Campaign receipts shall	not be inc	luded in this statement.
16	If additional space is	needed, pl	ease attach supplemental
17	<del>listing.</del>		
18	1. List the name and in	strument of	f ownership in any entity
19	doing business with a unit	of local g	government in relation to
20	which the person is require	<del>ed to file</del>	, in which the ownership
21	interest held by the person	at the dat	te of filing is in excess
22	of \$5,000 fair market value	e or from w	which dividends in excess
23	of \$1,200 were received duri	ing the pre	<del>ceding calendar year. (In</del>
24	the case of real estate, 1	<del>ocation th</del>	ereof shall be listed by
25	street address, or if none,	then by le	gal description.) No time
26	<del>or demand deposit in a fi</del>	nancial in	stitution, nor any debt

1 instrument shall be listed.

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3	Entity	Ownership	Management
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7	2. List the na	ame, address and typ	pe of practice of any
8	<del>professional organ</del>	<del>ization in which t</del>	he person making the
9	<del>statement was an</del>	officer, director,	associate, partner or
10	<del>proprietor, or ser</del>	<del>ved in any advisory</del>	capacity, from which
11	income in excess o	<del>f \$1,200 was derive</del> d	d during the preceding
12	<del>calendar year.</del>		
13	Name	Address	Type of Practice
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17	3. List the natu	are of professional s	ervices rendered (other
18	than to the unit of	r units of local gov	ernment in relation to
19	which the person is	required to file) to	each entity from which
20	income exceeding \$5	,000 was received for	r professional services
21	<del>rendered during th</del>	e preceding calenda	<del>r year by the person</del>
22	making the statement	<del>.</del> .	
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25	4. List the i	<del>dentity (including</del>	the address or legal
26	description of real	estate) of any capi	tal asset from which a

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1 capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the 2 preceding calendar year.

3 4 5 6 5. List the name of any entity and the nature of the 7 governmental action requested by any entity which has applied to a unit of local government in relation to which the person 8 must file for any license, franchise or permit for annexation, 9 zoning or rezoning of real estate during the preceding calendar 10 11 year if the ownership interest of the person filing is in 12 excess of \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing or if income or dividends in excess of \$1200 were received by the 13 person filing from the entity during the preceding calendar 14 15 <del>year.</del> 16 17 -----18 -----19 6. List the name of any entity doing business with a unit 20 of local government in relation to which the person is required to file from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived 21 22 during the preceding calendar year other than for professional

24 that entity. No time or demand deposit in a financial

services and the title or description of any position held in

25 institution nor any debt instrument need be listed.

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2	7. List the name of any unit of government which employed
3	the person making the statement during the preceding calendar
4	year other than the unit or units of government in relation to
5	which the person is required to file.
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7	·····
8	8. List the name of any entity from which a gift or gifts,
9	or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate
10	in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar
11	<del>year.</del>
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13	VERIFICATION:
14	"I declare that this statement of economic interests
15	(including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been
16	examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a
17	true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests
18	as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. I
19	understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or
20	incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or
21	imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary
22	not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment."
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24	(date of filing) (signature of person making the statement)
25	(Source: P.A. 95-173, eff. 1-1-08.)

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1 (5 ILCS 420/4A-105) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-105) 2 Sec. 4A-105. Time for filing. Except as provided in 3 Section 4A-106.1, by May 1 of each year a statement must be 4 filed by each person whose position at that time subjects him 5 to the filing requirements of Section 4A-101 unless he has 6 already filed a statement in relation to the same unit of 7 government in that calendar year.

8 Statements must also be filed as follows:

9 (a) A candidate for elective office shall file his 10 statement not later than the end of the period during which 11 he can take the action necessary under the laws of this 12 State to attempt to qualify for nomination, election, or retention to such office if he has not already filed a 13 14 statement in relation to the same unit of government during 15 that same calendar year within a year preceding such 16 action.

(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.

20 (b-5) A special government agent, as defined in item (1) of Section 4A-101 of this Act, shall file a statement 21 22 within 30 days after making the first ex parte 23 communication and each May 1 thereafter if he or she has made an ex parte communication within the previous 12 24 25 months.

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(c) Any other person required by this Article to file

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the statement shall file a statement at the time of his or her initial appointment or employment in relation to that unit of government if appointed or employed by May 1.

If any person who is required to file a statement of 4 5 economic interests fails to file such statement by May 1 of any year, the officer with whom such statement is to be filed under 6 7 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 8 9 file by the specified date. Except as may be prescribed by rule 10 of the Secretary of State, such person shall file his or her 11 statement of economic interests on or before May 15 with the 12 appropriate officer, together with a \$15 late filing fee. Any such person who fails to file by May 15 shall be subject to a 13 14 penalty of \$100 for each day from May 16 to the date of filing, 15 which shall be in addition to the \$15 late filing fee specified 16 above. Failure to file by May 31 shall result in a forfeiture 17 in accordance with Section 4A-107 of this Act.

Any person who takes office or otherwise becomes required 18 to file a statement of economic interests within 30 days prior 19 20 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 21 22 file such statement by May 31, the officer with whom such 23 statement is to be filed under Section 4A-106 of this Act shall, within 7 days after May 31, notify such person by 24 25 certified mail of his or her failure to file by the specified date. Such person shall file his or her statement of economic 26

interests on or before June 15 with the appropriate officer, together with a \$15 late filing fee. Any such person who fails to file by June 15 shall be subject to a penalty of \$100 per day for each day from June 16 to the date of filing, which shall be in addition to the \$15 late filing fee specified above. Failure to file by June 30 shall result in a forfeiture in accordance with Section 4A-107 of this Act.

8 All late filing fees and penalties collected pursuant to 9 this Section shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund in the 10 State treasury, if the Secretary of State receives such 11 statement for filing, or into the general fund in the county 12 treasury, if the county clerk receives such statement for filing. The Attorney General, with respect to the State, and 13 14 the several State's Attorneys, with respect to counties, shall 15 take appropriate action to collect the prescribed penalties.

16 Failure to file a statement of economic interests within 17 the time prescribed shall not result in a fine or ineligibility for, or forfeiture of, office or position of employment, as the 18 case may be; provided that the failure to file results from not 19 20 being included for notification by the appropriate agency, clerk, secretary, officer or unit of government, as the case 21 22 may be, and that a statement is filed within 30 days of actual 23 notice of the failure to file.

Beginning with statements required to be filed on or after May 1, 2009, the officer with whom a statement is to be filed may, in his or her discretion, waive the late filing fee, the

1 monetary late filing penalty, and the ineligibility for or 2 forfeiture of office or position for failure to file when the 3 person's late filing of a statement or failure to file a 4 statement is due to his or her (i) serious or catastrophic 5 illness that renders the person temporarily incapable of 6 completing the statement or (ii) military service.

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

8 (5 ILCS 420/4A-106) (from Ch. 127, par. 604A-106)

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

10 <u>(a)</u> The statements of economic interests required of 11 persons listed in items (a) through (f), item (j), item (l), 12 and item (n) of Section 4A-101 shall be filed with the 13 Secretary of State. <u>The Secretary of State shall by rule</u> 14 provide for the electronic filing of statements as follows:

Beginning January 1, 2011, or as soon thereafter as the 15 16 Secretary of State has provided adequate software to persons required to file under this Article, all Statements filed under 17 18 this Article shall be filed in electronic format. The Secretary shall promptly upon verification make all statements filed 19 20 under this Article publicly available by means of a searchable 21 database that is accessible through the World Wide Web. 22 "Searchable" means, for the purpose of this Section, that any 23 person may query each question for any proper names and addresses. The Secretary of State shall provide all software 24 necessary to comply with this Section and shall implement a 25

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# plan to provide computer access and assistance to persons required to file by this Article.

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3 The statements of economic interests required of (b) persons listed in items (g), (h), (i), (k), and (o) of Section 4 5 4A-101 shall be filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with 6 7 which the person is associated is located. If it is not apparent which county the principal office of a unit of local 8 9 government is located, the chief administrative officer, or his 10 or her designee, has the authority, for purposes of this Act, 11 to determine the county in which the principal office is 12 located.

13 (c) On or before February 1 annually, (1) the chief administrative officer of any State agency in the executive, 14 15 legislative, or judicial branch employing persons required to 16 file under item (f) or item (l) of Section 4A-101 and the chief administrative officer of a board described in item (n) of 17 Section 4A-101 shall certify to the Secretary of State the 18 19 names and mailing addresses of those persons. The State Board 20 of Elections shall, within 14 days after the proclamation of 21 the results of a general primary pursuant to Section 7-58 of 22 the Election Code, provide the Secretary of State with a true 23 alphabetical listing of the names and related information, 24 including their addresses and the office they are seeking, of 25 candidates who were nominated in a general primary election. au<del>and (2)</del> 26

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On or before February 1 annually, the 1 (d) chief 2 administrative officer, or his or her designee, of each unit of 3 local government with persons described in items (h), (i) and 4 (k) and a board described in item (o) of Section 4A-101 shall 5 certify to the appropriate county clerk a list of names and addresses of persons described in items (h), (i), (k), and (o) 6 7 of Section 4A-101 that are required to file. In preparing the 8 lists, each chief administrative officer, or his or her 9 designee, shall set out the names in alphabetical order. Any 10 local election authority shall within 14 days after 11 proclamation of the results of a primary election, provide the 12 county clerk with a true alphabetical listing of the names and related information, including their addresses and the office 13 14 they are seeking, of candidates who nominated in a general primary election. Any county clerk who makes available in his 15 16 or her principal offices terminals by means of which the 17 general public may access statements of economic interest filed with the Secretary of State's office and posted to the 18 19 Secretary of State's website may waive the requirement that a 20 person file a paper form with that county clerk with respect to 21 persons whose forms have been electronically filed with the 22 Secretary of State's office.

23 (e) On or before April 1 annually, the Secretary of State 24 shall notify (1) all persons whose names have been certified to 25 him under items (f), (1), and (n) of Section 4A-101, and (2) 26 all persons described in items (a) through (e) and item (j) of

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Section 4A-101, together, in even-numbered years, with the 1 2 names of candidates nominated at the most recent general primary , other than candidates for office who have filed their 3 statements with their nominating petitions, 4 of the 5 requirements for filing statements of economic interests. A person required to file with the Secretary of State by virtue 6 7 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 8 9 only one statement of economic interests relating to all items 10 under which the person is required to file with the Secretary 11 of State.

12 (f) On or before April 1 annually, the county clerk of each 13 county shall notify all persons whose names have been certified to him under items (g), (h), (i), (k), and (o) of Section 14 4A-101, other than candidates for office who have filed their 15 16 statements with their nominating petitions, of the 17 requirements for filing statements of economic interests. A person required to file with a county clerk by virtue of more 18 19 than one item among items (g), (h), (i), (k), and (o) shall be 20 notified of and is required to file only one statement of economic interests relating to all items under which the person 21 22 is required to file with that county clerk.

23 (g) Except as provided in Section 4A-106.1, the notices 24 provided for in this Section shall be in writing and deposited 25 in the U.S. Mail, properly addressed, first class postage 26 prepaid, on or before the day required by this Section for the

1 sending of the notice. A certificate executed by the Secretary 2 of State or county clerk attesting that he has mailed the 3 notice constitutes prima facie evidence thereof.

(h) From the lists certified to him under this Section of 4 5 persons described in items (g), (h), (i), (k), and (o) of Section 4A-101, the clerk of each county shall compile an 6 7 alphabetical listing of persons required to file statements of economic interests in his office under any of those items. As 8 9 the statements are filed in his office, the county clerk shall 10 cause the fact of that filing to be indicated on the 11 alphabetical listing of persons who are required to file 12 statements. Within 30 days after the due dates, the county 13 clerk shall mail to the State Board of Elections a true copy of that listing showing those who have filed statements. 14

15 <u>(i)</u> The county clerk of each county shall note upon the 16 alphabetical listing the names of all persons required to file 17 a statement of economic interests who failed to file a 18 statement on or before May 1. It shall be the duty of the 19 several county clerks to give notice as provided in Section 20 4A-105 to any person who has failed to file his or her 21 statement with the clerk on or before May 1.

22 (j) Any person who files or has filed a statement of 23 economic interest under this Act is entitled to receive from 24 the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be, a 25 receipt indicating that the person has filed such a statement, 26 the date of such filing, and the identity of the governmental

1 unit or units in relation to which the filing is required. <u>A</u>
2 county clerk shall issue such receipt either on proof that the
3 person has filed with the Secretary of State in electronic
4 format or upon receipt of a paper form.

5 <u>(k)</u> The Secretary of State may employ such employees and 6 consultants as he considers necessary to carry out his duties 7 hereunder, and may prescribe their duties, fix their 8 compensation, and provide for reimbursement of their expenses.

9 <u>(1) The Secretary of State shall provide training, through</u> 10 <u>the Secretary of State's website, for ethics officers appointed</u> 11 <u>under the State Officers and Employees Ethics Act and through</u> 12 <u>the Secretary of State's website, for persons required to file</u> 13 <u>statements of economic interests.</u>

(m) All statements of economic interests filed under this 14 15 Section shall be available for examination and copying by the 16 public at all reasonable times. Not later than 12 months after 17 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, beginning with statements filed in calendar year 18 2004, the Secretary of State shall make statements of economic 19 20 interests filed with the Secretary available for inspection and copying via the Secretary's website. 21

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

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23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 24 becoming law.