



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2218

by Rep. Dwight Kay

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 the 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 made in the past 5 years to the judge's campaign by the attorney or the attorney's law firm was in excess of \$500, 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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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 the judge by the attorney or the
12 attorney's law firm. The rules shall provide that in the event
13 that the aggregate of the campaign contributions made in the
14 past 5 years to a judge's campaign by the attorney or the
15 attorney's law firm was in excess of \$500, the judge shall,
16 upon timely application made by a party to the matter who has
17 not made any contribution to the judge's campaign, disqualify
18 himself or herself. 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.