

ASSEMBLY, No. 4361

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires candidates for member of Legislature to file same financial disclosure statement with ELEC and Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards as incumbent members.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning financial disclosure statements by candidates
2 for member of the Legislature and amending P.L.1981, c.129.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1981, c.129 (C.19:44B-2) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. a. Every candidate for the office of Governor **and every**
10 candidate for the Senate or General Assembly **shall** file and certify
11 the correctness of a financial disclosure statement on or before the
12 tenth day following the last day for filing a petition to appear on the
13 ballot and the financial disclosure statement shall be filed with the
14 Election Law Enforcement Commission in the Department of Law
15 and Public Safety.

16 b. Every candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor shall
17 file and certify the correctness of a financial disclosure statement on
18 or before the 30th day following the day such candidate is selected
19 by the candidate for the office of Governor of the same political
20 party, and the financial disclosure statement shall be filed with the
21 commission.

22 c. Every candidate for the office of member of the Senate or
23 General Assembly shall file and certify the financial disclosure
24 statement that members of the Senate and General Assembly are
25 required to file pursuant to the Legislative Code of Ethics
26 promulgated pursuant to the “New Jersey Conflicts of Interest
27 Law,” P.L.1971, c.182 (C52:13D-12 et seq.). Each candidate shall
28 file the financial disclosure statement with the Election Law
29 Enforcement Commission and the Joint Legislative Committee on
30 Ethical Standards on or before the day that members of the Senate
31 and General Assembly are required to file the financial disclosure
32 statement required pursuant to the Legislative Code of Ethics.
33 (cf: P.L.2009, c.66, s.29)

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35 2. This act shall take effect on January 1 following the date of
36 enactment.

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39 STATEMENT

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41 This bill requires candidates for the Senate and General
42 Assembly to file and certify to the Election Law Enforcement
43 Commission (ELEC) and the Joint Legislative Committee on
44 Ethical Standards the same detailed financial disclosure statement

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 that the Legislative Code of Ethics requires incumbent members of
2 the Legislature to file and certify to the joint committee.

3 Under current law, every candidate for the office of Governor
4 and member of the Legislature is required to file a financial
5 disclosure statement with ELEC on or before the 10th day following
6 the last day for filing a petition to appear on the ballot in the
7 primary election. Incumbent members of the Legislature must also
8 file a more detailed financial disclosure statement with the Joint
9 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, pursuant to the
10 Legislative Code of Ethics.

11 Under this bill, candidates and incumbents will file the same
12 financial disclosure statements required by the Legislative Code of
13 Ethics with ELEC and the joint committee. Consequently, voters
14 will have access to the same detailed financial information for
15 candidates for the Legislature that voters currently have for
16 incumbent members of the Legislature. The bill also changes the
17 deadline for filing the financial disclosure statement by candidates
18 for the Senate or General Assembly to the day that members of the
19 Senate and General Assembly are required to file a financial
20 disclosure statement with the Joint Legislative Committee on
21 Ethical Standards, pursuant to the Legislative Code of Ethics.