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SYNOPSIS

Removes requirement that local government officers disclose their property addresses in financial disclosure statements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT removing the requirement that local government officers
2 disclose their property addresses in certain financial disclosure
3 statements and amending P.L.1991, c.29.

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

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8 1. Section 6 of P.L.1991, c.29 (C.40A:9-22.6) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 6. a. Local government officers shall annually file a financial
11 disclosure statement. All financial disclosure statements filed
12 pursuant to P.L.1991, c.29 shall include the following information
13 which shall specify, where applicable, the name and address of each
14 source and the local government officer's job title:

15 (1) Each source of income, earned or unearned, exceeding
16 \$2,000 received by the local government officer or a member of his
17 immediate family during the preceding calendar year. Individual
18 client fees, customer receipts or commissions on transactions
19 received through a business organization need not be separately
20 reported as sources of income. If a publicly traded security is the
21 source of income, the security need not be reported unless the local
22 government officer or member of his immediate family has an
23 interest in the business organization;

24 (2) Each source of fees and honorariums having an aggregate
25 amount exceeding \$250 from any single source for personal
26 appearances, speeches or writings received by the local government
27 officer or a member of his immediate family during the preceding
28 calendar year;

29 (3) Each source of gifts, reimbursements or prepaid expenses
30 having an aggregate value exceeding \$400 from any single source,
31 excluding relatives, received by the local government officer or a
32 member of his immediate family during the preceding calendar
33 year;

34 (4) The name and address of all business organizations in which
35 the local government officer or a member of his immediate family
36 had an interest during the preceding calendar year; and

37 (5) **【The address and】** A brief description, including the county
38 and municipality where located, of all real property in the State in
39 which the local government officer or a member of his immediate
40 family held an interest during the preceding calendar year.

41 b. The Local Finance Board shall prescribe a financial
42 disclosure statement form for filing purposes. For counties and
43 municipalities which have not established ethics boards, the board
44 shall transmit sufficient copies of the forms to the municipal clerk
45 in each municipality and the county clerk in each county for filing

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 in accordance with this act. The municipal clerk shall make the
2 forms available to the local government officers serving the
3 municipality. The county clerk shall make the forms available to
4 the local government officers serving the county.

5 For counties and municipalities which have established ethics
6 boards, the Local Finance Board shall transmit sufficient copies of
7 the forms to the ethics boards for filing in accordance with this act.
8 The ethics boards shall make the forms available to the local
9 government officers within their jurisdiction.

10 For local government officers serving the municipality, the
11 original statement shall be filed with the municipal clerk in the
12 municipality in which the local government officer serves. For
13 local government officers serving the county, the original statement
14 shall be filed with the county clerk in the county in which the local
15 government officer serves. A copy of the statement shall be filed
16 with the board. In counties or municipalities which have
17 established ethics boards a copy of the statement shall also be filed
18 with the ethics board having jurisdiction over the local government
19 officer. Local government officers shall file the initial financial
20 disclosure statement within 90 days following the effective date of
21 this act. Thereafter, statements shall be filed on or before April
22 30th each year, except that each local government officer shall file a
23 financial disclosure statement within 30 days of taking office.

24 c. All financial disclosure statements filed shall be public
25 records.

26 d. The Division of Local Government Services in the
27 Department of Community Affairs may establish an electronic
28 filing system for financial disclosure statements required to be filed
29 pursuant to this section.

30 (cf: P.L.2015, c.95, s.22)

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to financial
33 disclosure statements filed in 2023 and thereafter.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill removes the requirement that local government officers
39 disclose their property addresses, including their home address, in
40 certain financial disclosure statements. Instead, this bill will only
41 require local government officers to disclose the county and
42 municipality where their property is located.