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**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 132**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
220th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 1, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI**

**District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)**

**Senator NELLIE POU**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Amends Legislative Code of Ethics to remove requirement that legislators disclose address of their home or principal residence.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 23, 2023, with amendments.



1 A **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** amending the Legislative Code of  
2 Ethics with regard to financial disclosure statements.

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the of the Senate of State of New Jersey (the*  
5 *General Assembly concurring):*

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7 1. Section 2:14 of the Legislative Code of Ethics is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 2:14. a. No later than May 15 of each year, each member of the  
10 Senate and General Assembly shall file with the Joint Legislative  
11 Committee on Ethical Standards or any successor thereto a financial  
12 disclosure statement, on a form to be prescribed by the Joint  
13 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards or its successor, with  
14 respect to the member's, the member's spouse's and minor children's  
15 sources of income, received from sources other than the State  
16 Legislature, and liabilities, amounts thereof, and interests, during the  
17 preceding calendar year. The filing may be in electronic form,  
18 including signature. Each member of the Legislature shall have a  
19 continuing obligation to report any termination or assumption of  
20 public employment by the member or the member's spouse within 30  
21 days, which report shall be an addendum to the disclosure statement.

22 <sup>1</sup>As part of the disclosure statement, the member shall certify that  
23 the member is a resident of the legislative district for which they were  
24 elected to serve in the Legislature.<sup>1</sup>

25 The Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards shall  
26 prescribe the information necessary to identification of sources. When  
27 an amount is required to be reported, it shall be sufficient to comply  
28 with the requirement to disclose whether the amount is less than  
29 \$10,000, at least \$10,000 but less than \$25,000, at least \$25,000 but  
30 less than \$50,000, or \$50,000 or more. The statement shall include an  
31 enumeration of:

32 (1) Each of the following categories of earned income: salaries,  
33 bonuses, royalties, fees, commissions and profit sharing paid to the  
34 member, the member's spouse or the member's minor child as an  
35 officer, employee, partner or consultant of a named corporation,  
36 professional association, partnership or sole proprietorship;

37 (2) Each of the following categories of unearned income: rents,  
38 dividends and other income received by the member, the member's  
39 spouse or minor child from named investments, trusts and estates;

40 (3) Fees and honorariums for personal appearances, speeches or  
41 writings received by the member or the member's spouse from named  
42 payers;

43 (4) Reimbursements or prepaid expenses for travel, subsistence or  
44 facilities provided in kind received by the member, the member's  
45 spouse or minor child from named payers or providers other than the

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SJU committee amendments adopted February 23, 2023.

1 State, indicating whether the payer or provider is a profit, nonprofit or  
2 governmental entity;

3 (5) Gifts from named donors connected to the legislative process  
4 received by the member, the member's spouse or minor child;

5 (6) The amounts of all personal liabilities of the member and the  
6 member's spouse, except liabilities which are (a) less than \$15,000 and  
7 owed to a relative; (b) less than \$3,000 and owed to any other person;  
8 (c) loans secured by a personal motor vehicle, or household furniture  
9 or appliances; and (d) revolving charge accounts. As used in this  
10 subsection, "relative" means a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter,  
11 father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, great-grandfather, great-  
12 grandmother, brother, sister, nephew, niece, uncle or aunt. Relatives  
13 by adoption, half-blood, marriage or remarriage shall be treated as  
14 relatives of the whole kinship;

15 (7) The amounts of all personal liabilities otherwise subject to  
16 disclosure, pursuant to paragraph (6) of this section, of the member  
17 and the member's spouse, that have been forgiven by the creditor  
18 within 12 months prior to the statement date. For each forgiven  
19 liability, the name of the creditor to whom such a liability was owed  
20 shall be stated;

21 (8) The name and address of all business organizations in which  
22 the member or the member's spouse held an "interest" as defined in  
23 section 2 of P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-13);

24 (9) Any offices, trusteeships, directorships, or positions of any  
25 nature, whether compensated or uncompensated, held by the member  
26 or the member's spouse, with any firm, corporation, association,  
27 partnership or business; <sup>1</sup>**and**<sup>1</sup>

28 (10) **【The address and】** <sup>1</sup>**【A】** The address and a<sup>1</sup> brief  
29 description, including the county and municipality where located, of  
30 all real property in which the member, the member's spouse or a minor  
31 child held an interest <sup>1</sup>, excluding the address, description, county, or  
32 municipality of the principal or secondary residence of the member,  
33 the spouse, or the minor child; and

34 (11) The address and a brief description, including the county and  
35 municipality where located, of all real property from which the  
36 member, the member's spouse, or a minor child derived income,  
37 including any such property where the member, spouse, or minor child  
38 resided for any period of time during the preceding calendar year<sup>1</sup>.

39 b. The failure of a member of the Legislature to file a statement as  
40 required by this section shall be reported to the President of the Senate  
41 or Speaker of the General Assembly.

42 c. The Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards or its  
43 successor after review of statements filed pursuant to this section may  
44 by advisory opinion determine that in its opinion a particular category  
45 of income, reimbursements, gifts, real estate holdings or business  
46 interests gives rise to an appearance of conflict with the member's  
47 service as a member of the Legislature.

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1       d. Advisory opinions issued pursuant to subsection c. shall be  
2 public records and shall remain on file for 10 years from the date of  
3 issuance.

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5       2. This resolution shall take effect immediately and apply to  
6 financial disclosure statements filed in 2023 and thereafter.