

1 HB499  
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3 By Representative Ball  
4 RFD: Ethics and Campaign Finance  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Currently, a candidate for public office  
9 must file a statement of economic interests for the  
10 previous calendar year with the appropriate  
11 election official on the date he or she becomes a  
12 candidate and the election official forwards the  
13 candidate's statement to the State Ethics  
14 Commission.

15 This bill would require a candidate to file  
16 his or her statement of economic interests directly  
17 with the Ethics Commission on the date the  
18 candidate files his or her qualifying papers with  
19 the appropriate election official.  
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21 A BILL  
22 TO BE ENTITLED  
23 AN ACT  
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25 To amend Section 36-25-15, Code of Alabama 1975,  
26 relating to the requirement that candidates for public office  
27 shall file a statement for economic interests with the

1 appropriate election official for the previous calendar year;  
2 to require a candidate to file the statement directly with the  
3 Ethics Commission on the same date the candidate files his or  
4 her qualifying papers, or for an independent candidate, the  
5 date he or she qualifies as an independent candidate.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. Section 36-25-15, Code of Alabama 1975,  
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 "§36-25-15.

10 "(a) Candidates at every level of government shall  
11 file a completed statement of economic interests for the  
12 previous calendar year with the ~~appropriate election official~~  
13 State Ethics Commission simultaneously with ~~the date he or she~~  
14 ~~becomes a candidate as defined in Section 17-22A-2 or the date~~  
15 such candidate files his or her qualifying papers with the  
16 appropriate election official, ~~whichever date occurs first.~~  
17 ~~Such election official shall within five days forward the~~  
18 ~~statement of economic interests of the candidate to the~~  
19 ~~commission~~ or when the person complies with the requirements  
20 of Section 17-9-3 in the case of an independent candidate.

21 Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require a second  
22 filing of the person's statement of economic interests if a  
23 current statement of economic interests is on file with the  
24 commission.

25 "(b) Each election official who receives a  
26 declaration of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot  
27 for election from a candidate and each official who nominates

1 a person to serve as a public official shall, within five days  
2 of the receipt or nomination, notify the commission of the  
3 name of the candidate, as defined in this chapter, and the  
4 date on which the person became a candidate or was nominated  
5 as a public official.

6 "(c) Other provisions of the law notwithstanding, if  
7 a candidate does not submit a statement of economic interests  
8 in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, the name  
9 of the person shall not appear on the ballot and the candidate  
10 shall be deemed not qualified as a candidate in that election.  
11 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commission may, for good  
12 cause shown, allow the candidate an additional five days to  
13 file such statement of economic interests. If a candidate is  
14 deemed not qualified, the appropriate election official shall  
15 remove the name of the candidate from the ballot."

16 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
17 first day of the third month following its passage and  
18 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.