

**SB194 INTRODUCED**



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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 State ethics law requires a candidate to file a  
6 statement of economic interests with the State Ethics  
7 Commission for the previous year within five days after  
8 the individual qualifies as a candidate, but does not  
9 require an additional statement if a statement is  
10 already on file with the commission. However, the law  
11 does require a candidate who has already filed a  
12 statement to provide proof to the commission of the  
13 previous filing.

14 This bill would eliminate the requirement that a  
15 candidate who has already filed a statement of economic  
16 interests notify the State Ethics Commission of this  
17 fact upon qualifying for candidacy.

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20 A BILL

21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT

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24 Relating to ethics, to amend Section 36-25-15, Code of  
25 Alabama 1975, to eliminate a requirement that a candidate who  
26 has already filed a statement of economic interests notify the  
27 State Ethics Commission of this fact.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



29                   Section 1. Section 36-25-15, Code of Alabama 1975, as  
30                   last amended by Act 2025-282 of the 2025 Regular Session, is  
31                   amended to read as follows:

32                   "§36-25-15

33                   (a) Candidates at every level of government shall file  
34                   a completed statement of economic interests for the previous  
35                   calendar year with the State Ethics Commission: (i) not more  
36                   than five days after the deadline to file a declaration of  
37                   candidacy as provided in Section 17-13-5, or in the case of an  
38                   independent candidate, not more than five days after the date  
39                   of the first primary election; or (ii) for a candidate for  
40                   municipal office, not more than five days after the deadline  
41                   for the candidate to file his or her qualifying papers with  
42                   the appropriate election official. Nothing in this section  
43                   shall be deemed to require a second filing of the individual's  
44                   statement of economic interests if a current statement of  
45                   economic interests is on file with the commission.—~~If a~~  
46 ~~candidate has already filed a current statement of economic~~  
47 ~~interests for a reason other than his or her candidacy, the~~  
48 ~~candidate, by the deadline provided by this subsection, shall~~  
49 ~~provide proof to the commission that a current statement has~~  
50 ~~already been submitted or file a new or amended statement.~~

51                   (b) Each election official who receives a declaration  
52                   of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot for election  
53                   from a candidate, within five days of the receipt, shall  
54                   notify the commission of the name of the candidate, as defined  
55                   in this chapter, and the date on which the individual became a  
56                   candidate. The commission, within five business days of the



57 filing deadline described in subsection (a), shall notify the  
58 election official whether the candidate has complied with this  
59 section.

60 (c) Other provisions of the law notwithstanding, if a  
61 candidate does not submit a statement of economic interests or  
62 when applicable, an amended statement of economic interests in  
63 accordance with the requirements of this chapter, the name of  
64 the individual shall not appear on the ballot and the  
65 candidate shall be deemed not qualified as a candidate in that  
66 election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commission, for  
67 good cause shown, may allow the candidate an additional five  
68 days to file the statement of economic interests. If a  
69 candidate is deemed not qualified, the appropriate election  
70 official shall remove the name of the candidate from the  
71 ballot."

72 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.