

SB194 ENGROSSED



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2 U9IMWXG-2

3 By Senator Givhan

4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

5 First Read: 21-Jan-26



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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

17 "§36-25-15

18 (a) Candidates at every level of government shall file
19 a completed statement of economic interests for the previous
20 calendar year with the State Ethics Commission: (i) not more
21 than five days after the deadline to file a declaration of
22 candidacy as provided in Section 17-13-5, or in the case of an
23 independent candidate, not more than five days after the date
24 of the first primary election; or (ii) for a candidate for
25 municipal office, not more than five days after the deadline
26 for the candidate to file his or her qualifying papers with
27 the appropriate election official. Nothing in this section
28 shall be deemed to require a second filing of the individual's



29 statement of economic interests if a current statement of
30 economic interests is on file with the commission.—~~If a~~
31 ~~candidate has already filed a current statement of economic~~
32 ~~interests for a reason other than his or her candidacy, the~~
33 ~~candidate, by the deadline provided by this subsection, shall~~
34 ~~provide proof to the commission that a current statement has~~
35 ~~already been submitted or file a new or amended statement.~~

36 (b) Each election official who receives a declaration
37 of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot for election
38 from a candidate, within five days of the receipt, shall
39 notify the commission of the name of the candidate, as defined
40 in this chapter, and the date on which the individual became a
41 candidate. The commission, within five business days of the
42 filing deadline described in subsection (a), shall notify the
43 election official whether the candidate has complied with this
44 section. If the commission's notification indicates the
45 candidate has not complied with this section, the election
46 official shall immediately notify the candidate, and the
47 candidate shall have five additional days to provide evidence
48 to the election official that the candidate has filed a
49 statement of economic interests in compliance with this
50 section.

51 (c) Other provisions of the law notwithstanding, if a
52 candidate does not submit a statement of economic interests or
53 when applicable, an amended statement of economic interests in
54 accordance with the requirements of this chapter, the name of
55 the individual shall not appear on the ballot and the
56 candidate shall be deemed not qualified as a candidate in that



57 election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commission, for
58 good cause shown, may allow the candidate an additional five
59 days to file the statement of economic interests. If a
60 candidate is deemed not qualified, the appropriate election
61 official shall remove the name of the candidate from the
62 ballot."

63 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.



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66 Senate

67 Read for the first time and referred 21-Jan-26
68 to the Senate committee on Fiscal
69 Responsibility and Economic
70 Development
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72 Read for the second time and placed 05-Feb-26
73 on the calendar:
74 1 amendment
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76 Read for the third time and passed 12-Feb-26
77 as amended
78 Yeas 30
79 Nays 0
80 Abstains 0
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83 Patrick Harris,
84 Secretary.
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