

**SB194 ENROLLED**



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3 By Senator Givhan  
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development  
5 First Read: 21-Jan-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

12 "§36-25-15

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



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29 ~~provide proof to the commission that a current statement has~~  
30 ~~already been submitted or file a new or amended statement.~~

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

46 (c) Other provisions of the law notwithstanding, if a  
47 candidate does not submit a statement of economic interests or  
48 when applicable, an amended statement of economic interests in  
49 accordance with the requirements of this chapter, the name of  
50 the individual shall not appear on the ballot and the  
51 candidate shall be deemed not qualified as a candidate in that  
52 election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commission, for  
53 good cause shown, may allow the candidate an additional five  
54 days to file the statement of economic interests. If a  
55 candidate is deemed not qualified, the appropriate election  
56 official shall remove the name of the candidate from the



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57 ballot."

58 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 12-Feb-26

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

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