
DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the requirement of an affidavit for Tier 1 and Tier 2 personal financial disclosure statements to a certification in order to facilitate the electronic filing of personal financial disclosure statements.

Present law (ethics code--R.S. 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, and 1124.3-Tiers 1, 2, 2.1, and 3) requires all elected officials and certain other specified officials and board and commission members to file a financial disclosure statement by May 15th of each year during which the person holds public office or position and by May 15th of the year following the termination of the holding of such office. Present law provides some exceptions. Present law (Election Code/Campaign Finance Disclosure Act--R.S. 18:1495.7) further requires any person who becomes a candidate for an office for which the holder of the office is required to file financial disclosure statements pursuant to present law (Code of Governmental Ethics--R.S. 42:1124, 1124.2, or 1124.3) to file a financial disclosure statement as required by present law for the office for which he is a candidate. Present law requires each such statement to include certain specified information for the entire preceding calendar year, with a limited exception.

Present law, relative to Tier 1 and Tier 2 personal financial disclosure statements, requires the statement to be filed with the Board of Ethics and to be accompanied by the affidavit of the individual filing it certifying that the information contained in the financial statement is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Proposed law changes the requirement of an affidavit to a certification and otherwise retains present law.

Effective January 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 42:1124(E) and 1124.2(E))