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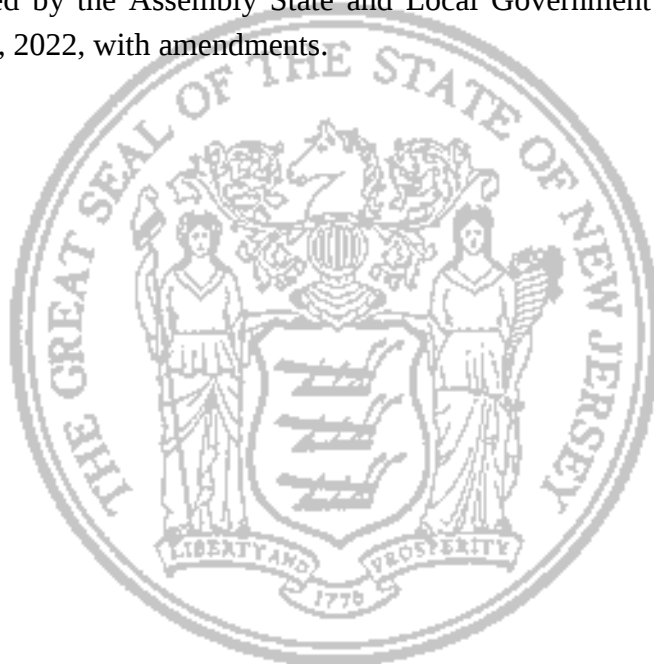
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SYNOPSIS

Removes requirement that local government officers disclose address of their home or principal residence on financial disclosure statements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly State and Local Government Committee on December 12, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT removing the requirement that local government officers
 2 disclose their ¹**['property addresses] home address'** in certain
 3 financial disclosure statements and amending P.L.1991, c.29.

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 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 6 of New Jersey:

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 8 1. Section 6 of P.L.1991, c.29 (C.40A:9-22.6) is amended to
 9 read as follows:

10 6. a. Local government officers shall annually file a financial
 11 disclosure statement. All financial disclosure statements filed
 12 pursuant to P.L.1991, c.29 shall include the following information
 13 which shall specify, where applicable, the name and address of each
 14 source and the local government officer's job title:

15 (1) Each source of income, earned or unearned, exceeding
 16 \$2,000 received by the local government officer or a member of his
 17 immediate family during the preceding calendar year. Individual
 18 client fees, customer receipts or commissions on transactions
 19 received through a business organization need not be separately
 20 reported as sources of income. If a publicly traded security is the
 21 source of income, the security need not be reported unless the local
 22 government officer or member of his immediate family has an
 23 interest in the business organization;

24 (2) Each source of fees and honorariums having an aggregate
 25 amount exceeding \$250 from any single source for personal
 26 appearances, speeches or writings received by the local government
 27 officer or a member of his immediate family during the preceding
 28 calendar year;

29 (3) Each source of gifts, reimbursements or prepaid expenses
 30 having an aggregate value exceeding \$400 from any single source,
 31 excluding relatives, received by the local government officer or a
 32 member of his immediate family during the preceding calendar
 33 year;

34 (4) The name and address of all business organizations in which
 35 the local government officer or a member of his immediate family
 36 had an interest during the preceding calendar year; and

37 (5) **['The address and]** ¹**['A] The address, except the address,**
 38 **lot, or block number of the local government officer's home or**
 39 **principal residence and any secondary address where the local**
 40 **government officer and immediate family, as defined in P.L.2021,**
 41 **c.371 (C.47:1B-1 et seq.), may also reside, and a**¹**brief description,**
 42 **including the county and municipality where located,** of all real
 43 property in the State, ¹**including a description of the local**
 44 **government officer's home or principal residence and any**

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **['thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted December 12, 2022.

1 secondary address where the local government officer and
2 immediate family, as defined in P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-1 et
3 seq.), may also reside,¹ in which the local government officer or a
4 member of his immediate family held an interest during the
5 preceding calendar year.

6 b. The Local Finance Board shall prescribe a financial
7 disclosure statement form for filing purposes. For counties and
8 municipalities which have not established ethics boards, the board
9 shall transmit sufficient copies of the forms to the municipal clerk
10 in each municipality and the county clerk in each county for filing
11 in accordance with this act. The municipal clerk shall make the
12 forms available to the local government officers serving the
13 municipality. The county clerk shall make the forms available to
14 the local government officers serving the county.

15 For counties and municipalities which have established ethics
16 boards, the Local Finance Board shall transmit sufficient copies of
17 the forms to the ethics boards for filing in accordance with this act.
18 The ethics boards shall make the forms available to the local
19 government officers within their jurisdiction.

20 For local government officers serving the municipality, the
21 original statement shall be filed with the municipal clerk in the
22 municipality in which the local government officer serves. For
23 local government officers serving the county, the original statement
24 shall be filed with the county clerk in the county in which the local
25 government officer serves. A copy of the statement shall be filed
26 with the board. In counties or municipalities which have
27 established ethics boards a copy of the statement shall also be filed
28 with the ethics board having jurisdiction over the local government
29 officer. Local government officers shall file the initial financial
30 disclosure statement within 90 days following the effective date of
31 this act. Thereafter, statements shall be filed on or before April
32 30th each year, except that each local government officer shall file a
33 financial disclosure statement within 30 days of taking office.

34 c. All financial disclosure statements filed shall be public
35 records.

36 d. The Division of Local Government Services in the
37 Department of Community Affairs may establish an electronic
38 filing system for financial disclosure statements required to be filed
39 pursuant to this section.

40 (cf: P.L.2015, c.95, s.22)

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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to financial
43 disclosure statements filed in 2023 and thereafter.