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WANSACZ, WATERS AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 3, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 3, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial  
3 disclosure, further providing for statement of financial  
4 interests required to be filed.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1104(b) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1104. Statement of financial interests required to be filed.

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11 (b) Candidate.--

12 (1) Any candidate for a State-level public office shall  
13 file a statement of financial interests for the preceding  
14 calendar year with the commission on or before the last day  
15 for filing a [petition] nomination certificate, petition,  
16 papers or substituted nomination certificate to appear on the

1 ballot for election. A copy of the statement of financial  
2 interests shall also be appended to such [petition]  
3 nomination certificate, petition, papers or substituted  
4 nomination certificate.

5 (2) Any candidate for county-level or local office shall  
6 file a statement of financial interests for the preceding  
7 calendar year with the governing authority of the political  
8 subdivision in which he is a candidate on or before the last  
9 day for filing a [petition] nomination certificate, petition,  
10 papers or substituted nomination certificate to appear on the  
11 ballot for election. A copy of the statement of financial  
12 interests shall also be appended to such [petition]  
13 nomination certificate, petition, papers or substituted  
14 nomination certificate.

15 (3) No [petition] nomination certificate, petition,  
16 papers or substituted nomination certificate to appear on the  
17 ballot for election shall be accepted by the respective State  
18 or local election officials unless the petition has appended  
19 thereto a statement of financial interests as set forth in  
20 paragraphs (1) and (2). Failure to file the statement in  
21 accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall, in  
22 addition to any other penalties provided, be a fatal defect  
23 to a petition to appear on the ballot. However, if an  
24 objection petition filed under section 632, 977, 982, 996 or  
25 999 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as  
26 the Pennsylvania Election Code, to any nomination  
27 certificate, petition, papers or substituted nomination  
28 certificate based on nonfraudulent errors or omissions in the  
29 content of a statement of financial interests appended to a  
30 nomination certificate, petition, papers or substituted

1 nomination certificate as required under this section, the  
2 court may permit amendment of the statement of financial  
3 interests to correct such nonfraudulent errors or omissions  
4 in the content of the statement of financial interests so  
5 long as the statement of financial interests was filed with  
6 the commission or the governing authority of the political  
7 subdivision, as required under law.

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9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.