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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 3, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions, for
3 statement of financial interests required to be filed and for
4 powers and duties of commission.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1102 of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

9 § 1102. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
11 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
12 meanings given to them in this section:

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14 "Political party officer." An individual holding the office
15 of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer for a
16 political party at the State or county level.

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18 Section 2. Section 1104(a) and (e) of Title 65 are amended

1 and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

2 § 1104. Statement of financial interests required to be filed.

3 (a) Public official or public employee.--Each public
4 official of the Commonwealth and political party officer shall
5 file a statement of financial interests for the preceding
6 calendar year with the commission no later than May 1 of each
7 year that he holds such a position and of the year after he
8 leaves such a position. Each public employee and public official
9 of the Commonwealth shall file a statement of financial
10 interests for the preceding calendar year with the department,
11 agency, body or bureau in which he is employed or to which he is
12 appointed or elected no later than May 1 of each year that he
13 holds such a position and of the year after he leaves such a
14 position. Any other public employee or public official shall
15 file a statement of financial interests with the governing
16 authority of the political subdivision by which he is employed
17 or within which he is appointed or elected no later than May 1
18 of each year that he holds such a position and of the year after
19 he leaves such a position. Persons who are full-time or part-
20 time solicitors for political subdivisions are required to file
21 under this section.

22 (a.1) Statewide official and member of the General
23 Assembly.--Beginning May 1, 2015, and each May 1 thereafter, a
24 Statewide official and member of the General Assembly shall file
25 electronically the statement of financial interests required
26 under subsection (a). The filing must be in a form and manner
27 prescribed by the commission.

28 (a.2) Political party officer.--Beginning May 1, 2015, and
29 each May 1 thereafter, a political party officer shall make the
30 required filing under subsection (a).

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2 (e) Public inspection and copying.--All statements of
3 financial interests filed pursuant to the provisions of this
4 chapter shall be [made]:

5 (1) made available for public inspection and copying
6 during regular office hours, and copying facilities shall be
7 made available at a charge not to exceed actual cost; and

8 (2) posted on the publicly accessible Internet websites
9 of the commission and other State agencies that receive and
10 file statements of financial interests.

11 Section 3. Section 1107(6) and (7) of Title 65 are amended
12 and the section is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

13 § 1107. Powers and duties of commission.

14 In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by law, the
15 commission shall:

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17 (6) (i) Provide that statements and reports filed with
18 the commission be made available for public inspection
19 and copying during regular office hours and provide that
20 copying facilities be made available at a charge not to
21 exceed actual cost [and advise].

22 (ii) Post on its publicly accessible Internet
23 website the statements of financial interests required to
24 be filed with it.

25 (iii) Advise other State and local agencies of the
26 provisions of this paragraph.

27 (7) Compile and maintain an index, including a database
28 on its publicly accessible Internet website, of all reports
29 and statements filed with the commission to facilitate public
30 access to such reports and statements and instruct other

1 State and local agencies which receive and file financial
2 interest statements in the maintenance of systems, including
3 publicly accessible Internet websites, which facilitate
4 public access to such statements. The database required under
5 this paragraph shall be searchable and sortable by, at a
6 minimum, the following:

7 (i) The name of the individual filing the report or
8 statement.

9 (ii) The office held by the individual filing the
10 report or statement.

11 (iii) The year the form was filed.

12 (iv) Whether or not the form is an amended filing.

13 The database required under this paragraph shall be
14 operational no later than May 1, 2015.

15 (7.1) Connect an amended filing to the original filing
16 on its publicly accessible Internet website in a way that a
17 person accessing one will be notified of the existence of the
18 other.

19 (7.2) Provide an e-mail notification option for a person
20 who would like to be notified of new filings.

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22 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.