

Senate Bill 144

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Ethics in Government Act," so as to transfer certain functions relative to the filing of campaign contribution disclosure reports from the Secretary of State to the State Ethics Commission; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Ethics in Government Act," is amended by striking in their entirety subsections (b) and (g) of Code Section 21-5-30, relating to contributions made to a candidate or campaign committee or for recall of a public officer, and inserting in lieu thereof, respectively, the following:

"(b) Each candidate shall maintain records and file reports as required by this chapter or shall have a campaign committee for the purposes of maintaining records and filing reports as required by this chapter. Every campaign committee shall have a chairperson and a treasurer, except that the candidate may serve as the chairperson and treasurer. Before a campaign committee accepts contributions, the name and address of the chairperson and treasurer shall be filed with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission. When a candidate has been elected to public office, the registration of that candidate's campaign committee with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission shall remain in effect so long as the candidate remains in office until and unless: (1) the registration is canceled by the campaign committee or the candidate; or (2) a new campaign committee for that candidate is registered with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission. The same person may serve as chairperson and treasurer. No contributions shall be accepted by or on behalf of the campaign committee at a time when there is a vacancy in the office of chairperson or treasurer of the campaign committee."

1 "(g) Neither a candidate who is not a public officer nor his or her campaign committee may  
2 lawfully accept a campaign contribution until the candidate has filed with the ~~Secretary of~~  
3 ~~State~~ commission or appropriate local filing officer a declaration of intention to accept  
4 campaign contributions which shall include the name and address of the candidate and the  
5 names and addresses of his or her campaign committee officers, if any."

## 6 SECTION 2.

7 Said chapter is further amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 21-5-34, relating to  
8 disclosure reports, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "21-5-34.

10 (a)(1)(A) The candidate or the chairperson or treasurer of each campaign committee  
11 organized to bring about the nomination or election of a candidate for any office except  
12 county and municipal offices or the General Assembly and the chairperson or treasurer  
13 of every campaign committee designed to bring about the recall of a public officer or  
14 to oppose the recall of a public officer or designed to bring about the approval or  
15 rejection by the voters of any proposed constitutional amendment or state-wide  
16 referendum shall sign and file with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission the required  
17 campaign contribution disclosure reports. A candidate for membership in the General  
18 Assembly or the chairperson or treasurer of such candidate's campaign committee shall  
19 file such candidate's reports with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission and a copy thereof  
20 with the election superintendent of the county of such candidate's residence.

21 (B) The chairperson or treasurer of each independent committee as defined in Code  
22 Section 21-5-3 shall file the required disclosure reports with the ~~Secretary of State~~  
23 commission.

24 (2)(A) Any campaign committee which accepts contributions or makes expenditures  
25 designed to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any proposed question  
26 which is to appear on the ballot in any county or municipal election shall file a  
27 campaign contribution disclosure report as prescribed by this chapter; provided,  
28 however, that such report shall only be required if such campaign committee has  
29 received contributions which total more than \$500.00 or if such campaign committee  
30 has made expenditures which total more than \$500.00. All advertising pertaining to  
31 referendums must identify the principal officer of such campaign committee by listing  
32 or stating the name and title of the principal officer.

33 (B) If a campaign committee is required to file a report under subparagraph (A) of this  
34 paragraph, such report shall be filed with the election superintendent of the county in  
35 the case of a county election or with the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal

election. Any such report shall be filed 15 days prior to the date of the election; and a final report shall be filed prior to December 31 of the year in which the election is held.

(3) A candidate for county office or the chairperson or treasurer of such candidate's campaign committee shall sign and file the required campaign contribution disclosure reports with the election superintendent in the respective county of election.

(4) A candidate for municipal office or such candidate's campaign committee shall file the reports with the municipal clerk in the respective municipality of election or, if there is no clerk, with the chief executive officer of the municipality.

(b)(1) All reports shall list the following:

(A) The amount and date of receipt, along with the name, mailing address, occupation, and employer of any person making a contribution of \$101.00 or more, including the purchase of tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events coordinated for the purpose of raising campaign contributions for the reporting candidate;

(B) The name and mailing address and occupation or place of employment of any person to whom an expenditure of \$101.00 or more is made and the amount, date, and general purpose of such expenditure;

(C) When a contribution consists of a loan, advance, or other extension of credit, the report shall also contain the name of the lending institution or party making the advance or extension of credit and the names, mailing addresses, occupations, and places of employment of all persons having any liability for repayment of the loan, advance, or extension of credit; and, if any such persons shall have a fiduciary relationship to the lending institution or party making the advance or extension of credit, the report shall specify such relationship;

(D) Total contributions received and total expenditures made as follows:

(i) Contributions and expenditures shall be reported for the applicable reporting cycle;

(ii) A reporting cycle shall commence on January 1 of the year in which an election is to be held for the public office to which a candidate seeks election and shall conclude:

(I) At the expiration of the term of office if such candidate is elected and does not seek reelection or election to some other office;

(II) On December 31 of the year in which such election was held if such candidate is unsuccessful; or

(III) If such candidate is successful and seeks reelection or seeks election to some other office the current reporting cycle shall end when the reporting cycle for reelection or for some other office begins;

(iii) The first report of a reporting cycle shall list the net balance on hand brought forward from the previous reporting cycle, if any, and the total contributions received during the period covered by the report;

(iv) Subsequent reports shall list the total contributions received during the period covered by the report and the cumulative total of contributions received during the reporting cycle;

(v) The first report of a reporting cycle shall list the total expenditures made during the period covered by the report;

(vi) Subsequent reports shall list the total expenditures made during the period covered by the report, the cumulative total of expenditures made during the reporting cycle, and net balance on hand; and

(vii) If a public officer seeks reelection to the same public office, the net balance on hand at the end of the current reporting cycle shall be carried forward to the first report of the applicable new reporting cycle; and

(E) The corporate, labor union, or other affiliation of any political action committee or independent committee making a contribution of \$101.00 or more.

(2) Each report shall be in such form as will allow for the separate identification of a contribution or contributions which are less than \$101.00 but which become reportable due to the receipt of an additional contribution or contributions which when combined with such previously received contribution or contributions cumulatively exceed \$101.00.

(c) Candidates or campaign committees which accept contributions, make expenditures designed to bring about the nomination or election of a candidate, or have filed a declaration of intention to accept campaign contributions pursuant to subsection (g) of Code Section 21-5-30 shall file campaign contribution disclosure reports in compliance with the following schedule:

(1) In each nonelection year on June 30 and December 31;

(2) In each year in which the candidate qualifies to run for public office:

(A) On March 31, June 30, September 30, October 25, and December 31;

(B) Six days before any run-off primary or election in which the candidate is listed on the ballot; and

(C) During the period of time between the last report due prior to the date of any state-wide primary or state-wide election for which the candidate is qualified and the date of such primary or election, all contributions of \$1,000.00 or more must be reported within 48 hours of receipt to the location where the original disclosure report for such candidate or committee was filed and also reported on the next succeeding regularly scheduled campaign contribution disclosure report;

(3) If the candidate is candidate in a special primary or special primary runoff, 15 days prior to the special primary and six days prior to the special primary runoff; and

(4) If the candidate is candidate in a special election or special election runoff, 15 days prior to the special election and six days prior to the special election runoff.

All persons or entities required to file reports shall have a five-day grace period in filing the required reports, except that the grace period shall be two days for required reports prior to run-off primaries or run-off elections, and no grace period shall apply to contributions required to be reported within 48 hours. The mailing of such reports by United States mail with adequate postage affixed, within the required filing time as determined by the official United States postage date cancellation, shall be prima-facie evidence of filing but reports required to be filed within 48 hours of a contribution must also be reported by facsimile, electronic transmission, or otherwise within those 48 hours to the location where the original disclosure report for such candidate or committee was filed. A report or statement required to be filed by this Code section other than a report of contributions required to be reported within 48 hours shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the person filing such report or statement taken before an officer authorized to administer oaths. Each report required in the calendar year of the election shall contain cumulative totals of all contributions which have been received and all expenditures which have been made in support of the campaign in question and which are required, or previously have been required, to be reported.

(d) In the event any candidate covered by this chapter has no opposition in either a primary or a general election and receives no contribution of \$101.00 or more, such candidate shall only be required to make the initial and final report as required under this chapter.

(e) Any person who makes contributions to, accepts contributions for, or makes expenditures on behalf of candidates, and any independent committee, shall file a registration with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission in the same manner as is required of campaign committees prior to accepting or making contributions or expenditures. Such persons, other than independent committees, shall also file campaign contribution disclosure reports in the same places and at the same times as required of the candidates they are supporting. The following persons shall be exempt from the foregoing registration and reporting requirements:

(1) Individuals making aggregate contributions of \$25,000.00 or less directly to candidates or the candidates' campaign committees in one calendar year; and

(2) Persons other than individuals making aggregate contributions and expenditures to or on behalf of candidates of \$5,000.00 or less in one calendar year.

(f)(1) Any independent committee which accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of affecting the outcome of an election or advocates the election or defeat

of any candidate shall file disclosure reports with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission as follows: (A) on the first day of each of the two calendar months preceding any such election; (B) two weeks prior to the date of such election; and (C) within the two-week period prior to the date of such election the independent committee shall report within 48 hours any contributions or expenditure of more than \$1,000.00. The independent committee shall file a final report prior to December 31 of the year in which the election is held and shall file supplemental reports on June 30 and December 31 of each year that such independent committee continues to accept contributions or make expenditures.

(2) Reports filed by independent committees shall list the following:

(A) The amount and date of receipt, along with the name, mailing address, occupation, and employer of any person making a contribution of \$101.00 or more;

(B) The name, mailing address, occupation, and employer of any person to whom an expenditure or provision of goods or services of the value of \$101.00 or more is made and the amount, date, and general purpose thereof, including the name of the candidate or candidates, if any, on behalf of whom, or in support of or in opposition to whom, the expenditure or provision was made;

(C) Total expenditures made as follows:

(i) Expenditures shall be reported for the applicable reporting year;

(ii) The first report of a reporting year shall list the total expenditures made during the period covered by the report; and

(iii) Subsequent reports shall list the total expenditures made during the period covered by the report, the cumulative total of expenditures made during the reporting year, and net balance on hand; and

(D) The corporate, labor union, or other affiliation of any political action committee, candidate, campaign committee, or independent committee making a contribution of the value of \$101.00 or more.

(3) Whenever any independent committee makes an expenditure for the purpose of financing any communication intended to affect the outcome of an election, such communication shall clearly state that it has been financed by such independent committee.

(g) Any campaign committee which accepts contributions or makes expenditures designed to bring about the recall of a public officer or to oppose the recall of a public officer shall file campaign contribution disclosure reports with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission as follows:

(1) An initial report shall be filed within 15 days after the date when the official recall petition forms were issued to the sponsors;

(2) A second report shall be filed 45 days after the filing of the initial report;

(3) A third report shall be filed within 20 days after the election superintendent certifies legal sufficiency or insufficiency of a recall petition;

(4) A final report shall be filed prior to December 31 of the year in which the recall election is held or, in any case where such recall election is not held, a final report shall be filed prior to December 31 of any year in which such campaign committee accepts such contributions or makes such expenditures; and

(5) In the case of state officials or county officials, a copy of each of the reports shall also be filed with the election superintendent in the county of residence of the official sought to be recalled. In the case of municipal officials, a copy of the reports shall also be filed with the municipal clerk in the municipality of residence of the official sought to be recalled or, if there is no clerk, with the chief executive officer of the municipality.

Each filing officer shall forward a copy of the reporting forms required by this Code section to each candidate or public officer holding elective office required to file such report within a reasonable time prior to each filing.

(h) Any campaign committee which accepts contributions or makes expenditures designed to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of a proposed constitutional amendment or a state-wide referendum shall file a campaign contribution disclosure report with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission 75, 45, and 15 days prior to the date of the election and shall file a final report prior to December 31 of the year in which the election is held.

(i) In any county in which the county board of elections does not maintain an office open to the public during normal business hours for five days a week, the reports required by this Code section shall be filed in the office of the judge of the probate court of that county.

(j)(1) Any person elected to a public office who is required to file campaign contribution disclosure reports pursuant to this article shall, upon leaving public office with excess contributions, be required to file supplemental campaign contribution disclosure reports on June 30 and December 31 of each year until such contributions are expended in a campaign for elective office or used as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 21-5-33.

(2) Any person who is an unsuccessful candidate in an election and who is required to file campaign contribution disclosure reports pursuant to this article shall, upon having excess contributions from such campaign, be required to file a supplemental campaign contribution disclosure report no later than December 31 of each year until such contributions are expended in a campaign for elective office or used as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 21-5-33. Any unsuccessful candidate in an election who is required to file campaign contribution disclosure reports pursuant to this article and who receives contributions following such election to retire debts incurred in such campaign for elective office shall be required to file a supplemental campaign

1 contribution disclosure report no later than December 31 of each year until such unpaid  
2 expenditures from such campaign are satisfied.

3 (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, soil and water  
4 conservation district supervisors elected pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 2, the  
5 'Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law,' shall not be required to file campaign  
6 contribution disclosure reports under this Code section.

7 (l) In addition to other penalties provided under this chapter, an additional filing fee of  
8 \$25.00 shall be imposed for each report that is filed late. In addition, a filing fee of \$50.00  
9 shall be imposed on the fifteenth day after the due date if the report has still not been filed;  
10 provided, however, a 15 day extension period shall be granted on the final report."

### 11 12 SECTION 3.

13 Said chapter is further amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 21-5-34.1, relating  
14 to filing campaign contribution disclosure reports electronically, and inserting in lieu thereof  
15 the following:

16 "21-5-34.1.

17 (a) Beginning February 1, 2001, candidates seeking election to constitutional offices, the  
18 Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Public Service Commission shall use  
19 electronic means to file their campaign contribution disclosure reports with the ~~Secretary~~  
20 ~~of State~~ commission upon having raised or spent a minimum of \$20,000.00 in an election  
21 cycle. Under that threshold, electronic filing is permitted and encouraged but not required.

22 (b) Beginning January 1, 2003, candidates seeking election to the General Assembly,  
23 superior courts, and the office of district attorney shall use electronic means to file their  
24 campaign contribution disclosure reports with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission, as  
25 specified in Code Section 21-5-34, upon having raised or spent a minimum of \$10,000.00  
26 in an election cycle, but contributions and expenditures received or made prior to reaching  
27 such threshold need not be electronically filed if previously reported, except as cumulative  
28 totals. Under that threshold, electronic filing is permitted and encouraged but not required.

29 (c) Beginning January 1, 2003, candidates seeking election to county or municipal offices  
30 shall use electronic means to file their campaign contribution disclosure reports with the  
31 election superintendent of their county or the municipal clerk or chief executive officer of  
32 their municipality, as specified in Code Section 21-5-34, upon having raised or spent a  
33 minimum of \$10,000.00 in an election cycle, but contributions and expenditures received  
34 or made prior to reaching such threshold need not be electronically filed if previously  
35 reported, except as cumulative totals. Under that threshold, electronic filing is permitted  
36 and encouraged but not required.

(d) Beginning January 1, 2003, political action committees, independent committees, and any persons otherwise required by this article to file campaign contribution disclosure reports shall use electronic means to file such reports with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission upon having raised or spent \$5,000.00 in a calendar year. Under that threshold, electronic filing is permitted and encouraged but not required.

(e) When campaign contribution disclosure reports are filed electronically as provided in subsections (a) through (d) of this Code section, the original report shall be filed at the same location.

(f) No funds raised or spent prior to the implementation date of electronic filing shall be counted toward the appropriate threshold.

(g) The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Code section."

#### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 21-5-50, relating to filing by public officers and filing by candidates for public office, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"21-5-50.

(a)(1) Except as modified in subsection (c) of this Code section with respect to candidates for state-wide elected public office, each public officer, as defined in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (15) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall file with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission not before the first day of January nor later than July 1 of each year in which such public officer holds office other than the year in which an election is held for such public office, a financial disclosure statement for the preceding calendar year; and each person who qualifies as a candidate for election as a public officer, as defined in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (15) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall file with the ~~Secretary of State~~ commission, no later than the fifteenth day following the date of qualifying as a candidate, a financial disclosure statement for the preceding calendar year.

(2) Each public officer, as defined in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (15) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall file with the election superintendent of the county of election of such public officer, not before the first day of January nor later than July 1 of each year in which such public officer holds office other than the year in which an election is held for such public office, a financial disclosure statement for the preceding calendar year. Each person who qualifies as a candidate for election as a public officer, as defined in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (15) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall file with the election superintendent of the

1 county of election, no later than the fifteenth day following the date of qualifying as a  
2 candidate, a financial disclosure statement for the preceding calendar year.

3 (3) Each public officer, as defined in subparagraph (G) of paragraph (15) of Code  
4 Section 21-5-3, shall file with the municipal clerk of the municipality of election or, if  
5 there is no clerk, with the chief executive officer of such municipality, not before the first  
6 day of January nor later than July 1 of each year in which such public officer holds office  
7 other than the year in which an election is held for such public office, a financial  
8 disclosure statement for the preceding calendar year. Each person who qualifies as a  
9 candidate for election as a public officer, as defined in subparagraph (G) of paragraph  
10 (15) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall file with the municipal clerk of the municipality of  
11 election or, if there is no clerk, with the chief executive officer of such municipality, no  
12 later than the fifteenth day following the date of qualifying as a candidate, a financial  
13 disclosure statement for the preceding calendar year.

14 (4) The filing officer shall review each financial disclosure statement to determine that  
15 such statement is in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

16 (5) A public officer shall not, however, be required to file such a financial disclosure  
17 statement for the preceding calendar year in a year in which there occurs qualifying for  
18 election to succeed such public officer, if such public officer does not qualify for  
19 nomination for election to succeed himself or herself or for election to any other public  
20 office subject to this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, a public officer shall not  
21 be deemed to hold office in a year in which the public officer holds office for less than  
22 15 days.

23 (b) A financial disclosure statement shall be in the form specified by the commission and  
24 shall identify:

25 (1) Each monetary fee or honorarium of \$101.00 or less which is accepted by a public  
26 officer from speaking engagements, participation in seminars, discussion panels, or other  
27 activities which directly relate to the official duties of the public officer or the office of  
28 the public officer, with a statement identifying the fee or honorarium accepted and the  
29 person from whom it was accepted;

30 (2) All fiduciary positions held by the candidate for public office or the public officer,  
31 with a statement of the title of each such position, the name and address of the business  
32 entity, and the principal activity of the business entity;

33 (3) The name, address, and principal activity of any business entity and the office held  
34 by and the duties of the candidate for public office or public officer within such business  
35 entity as of December 31 of the covered year in which such candidate or officer has a  
36 direct ownership interest which interest:

37 (A) Is more than 10 percent of the total interests in such business; or

1 (B) Has a net fair market value of more than \$20,000.00;

2 (4) Each tract of real property in which the candidate for public office or public officer  
3 has a direct ownership interest as of December 31 of the covered year when that interest  
4 has a net fair market value in excess of \$20,000.00. As used in this paragraph, the term  
5 'net fair market' value means the appraised value of the property for ad valorem tax  
6 purposes less any indebtedness thereon. The disclosure shall contain the county and state  
7 and general location therein where the property is located;

8 (5) All annual payments in excess of \$20,000.00 received by the public officer or any  
9 business entity identified in paragraph (3) of this subsection from the state, any agency,  
10 department, commission, or authority created by the state, and authorized and exempted  
11 from disclosure under Code Section 45-10-25, and the agency, department, commission,  
12 or authority making the payments, and the general nature of the consideration rendered  
13 for the source of the payments; and

14 (6) No form prescribed by the commission shall require more information or specify  
15 more than provided in the several paragraphs of this Code section with respect to what  
16 is required to be disclosed.

17 (c)(1) Each person who qualifies with a political party as a candidate for party  
18 nomination to a public office elected state wide (including an incumbent public officer  
19 elected state wide qualifying to succeed himself) shall file with the ~~Secretary of State~~  
20 commission, not later than seven days after so qualifying, a financial disclosure  
21 statement. Each person who qualifies as a candidate for election to a public office elected  
22 state wide through a nomination petition or convention shall likewise file a financial  
23 disclosure statement not later than seven days after filing his notice of candidacy. Such  
24 financial disclosure statement shall comply with the requirements of subsections (a) and  
25 (b) of this Code section and shall in addition identify, for the preceding five calendar  
26 years:

27 (A) Each transaction or transactions which aggregate \$9,000.00 or more in a calendar  
28 year in which the candidate (whether for himself or on behalf of any business) or any  
29 business in which such candidate or any member of his family has a substantial interest  
30 or is an officer of such business has transacted business with the government of the  
31 State of Georgia, the government of any political subdivision of the State of Georgia,  
32 or any agency of any such government; and

33 (B) Each transaction or transactions which aggregate \$9,000.00 or more in a calendar  
34 year in which the candidate or any business in which such candidate or any member of  
35 his family has a substantial interest or is an officer of such business received any  
36 income of any nature from any person who was at the time of such receipt of income

1 represented by a lobbyist registered with the commission pursuant to Article 4 of this  
2 chapter.

3 (2) The financial disclosure statement required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
4 include an itemized list of the transactions required to be reported, including the date of,  
5 dollar amount of, and parties to each such transaction. However, with respect to any  
6 transactions of a privileged nature only the total amount of such transactions shall be  
7 required to be reported, and names, dates, amounts of individual transactions, and other  
8 identifying data may be omitted; and for this purpose 'transactions of a privileged nature'  
9 shall include transactions between attorney and client, transactions between psychiatrist  
10 and patient, transactions between physician and patient, and any other transactions which  
11 are by law of a similar privileged and confidential nature.

12 (3) The financial disclosure statement required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
13 be accompanied by a financial statement of the candidate's financial affairs for the  
14 calendar year prior to the year in which the election is held and the first quarter of the  
15 calendar year in which the election is held.

16 (4)(A) As used in this subsection, the term:

17 (i) 'Agency' means any agency, authority, department, board, bureau, commission,  
18 committee, office, or instrumentality of the State of Georgia or any political  
19 subdivision of the State of Georgia.

20 (ii) 'Financial statement' means a statement of a candidate's financial affairs in a form  
21 substantially equivalent to the short form financial statement required for bank  
22 directors under the rules of the Department of Banking and Finance.

23 (iii) 'Substantial interest' means the direct or indirect ownership of 10 percent or more  
24 of the assets or stock of any business.

25 (B) As used in this subsection, the term:

26 (i) 'Member of the family' includes the candidate's spouse and dependent children;  
27 and

28 (ii) 'Person' and 'transact business' shall have the meanings specified in Code Section  
29 45-10-20.

30 (5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, if, due to a special election  
31 or otherwise, a person does not qualify as a candidate for nomination or election to public  
32 office until after the filing date otherwise applicable, such person shall make the filings  
33 required by this subsection within seven days after so qualifying."

**SECTION 5.**

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2 This Act shall become effective on January 10, 2005, and any report required to be filed by  
3 Chapter 5 of Title 21 on or after January 10, 2005, shall be filed with the State Ethics  
4 Commission.

**SECTION 6.**

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6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.