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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH, GALEF, STEVENSON -- Multi-Sponsored by  
-- M. of A. GOODELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on  
Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, the public officers law, the civil  
service law, the legislative law and the election law, in relation to  
financial disclosure by public officers; and to repeal certain  
provisions of the public officers law relating thereto

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 9 of section 94 of the execu-  
2 tive law, as amended by chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (f) Review financial disclosure statements in accordance with the  
5 provisions of this section AND SHALL CONDUCT A PROGRAM OF RANDOM AUDITS  
6 SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SECTION. ANY SUCH PROGRAM  
7 SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER, provided however, that the  
8 commission may delegate all or part of this review function to the exec-  
9 utive director who shall be responsible for completing staff review of  
10 such statements in a manner consistent with the terms of the commis-  
11 sion's delegation;

12 (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL RANDOMLY SELECT FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS  
13 REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY PUBLIC OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE FOR  
14 AUDIT. ANY SUCH SELECTION SHALL BE DONE IN A MANNER PURSUANT TO WHICH  
15 THE IDENTITY OF ANY PARTICULAR PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHOSE DISCLOSURE FORM IS  
16 SELECTED FOR AUDIT IS UNKNOWN TO THE COMMISSION, ITS STAFF OR ANY OF  
17 THEIR AGENTS PRIOR TO SELECTION.

18 (II) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP PROTOCOLS FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH  
19 RANDOM AUDITS. SUCH RANDOM AUDITS MAY REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS  
20 RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO THE PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE  
21 FORMS FOR EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION. ANY SUCH PROTOCOLS SHALL ENSURE  
22 THAT DISCLOSURE FORMS ARE AUDITED IN A UNIFORM MANNER.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (III) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING ENTITY,  
2 WHICH SHALL MONITOR THE PROCESS PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COMMISSION SELECTS  
3 STATEMENTS OR REPORTS FOR AUDIT AND CARRIES OUT THE PROVISIONS OF  
4 SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND CERTIFIES THAT SUCH  
5 PROCESS COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH SUBPARAGRAPHS.

6 (IV) UPON COMPLETION OF A RANDOM AUDIT CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
7 THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (I), (II) AND (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,  
8 THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS REASONABLE CAUSE TO  
9 BELIEVE THAT ANY SUCH STATEMENT OR REPORT IS INACCURATE OR INCOMPLETE.  
10 UPON A DETERMINATION THAT SUCH REASONABLE CAUSE EXISTS, THE COMMISSION  
11 MAY REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF FURTHER RECORDS, SUBPOENA WITNESSES,  
12 COMPEL THEIR ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY AND ADMINISTER OATHS OR AFFIRMA-  
13 TIONS, TO THE EXTENT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES SUCH ACTIONS ARE NECES-  
14 SARY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO INVESTIGATING SUCH  
15 INACCURACIES OR OMISSIONS.

16 (V) IN THE EVENT THAT THE COMMISSION FAILS TO CONDUCT RANDOM AUDITS AS  
17 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION, EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE  
18 ASSESSED A CIVIL PENALTY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS;

19 S 2. Subdivision 11 of section 94 of the executive law, as amended by  
20 chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

21 11. If a person required to file a financial disclosure statement with  
22 the commission has failed to file a disclosure statement or has filed a  
23 deficient statement, the commission shall notify the reporting person in  
24 writing, state the failure to file or detail the deficiency, provide the  
25 person with a fifteen day period to cure the deficiency, and advise the  
26 person of the penalties for failure to comply with the reporting  
27 requirements. Such notice shall be confidential. If the person fails to  
28 make such filing or fails to cure the deficiency within the specified  
29 time period, the commission shall send a notice of delinquency: (a) to  
30 the reporting person; (b) in the case of a statewide elected official,  
31 to the temporary president of the senate [and], the speaker of the  
32 assembly AND THE GOVERNOR; [and] (c) in the case of a state officer or  
33 employee, to the appointing authority for such person; AND (D) IN THE  
34 CASE OF A LEGISLATOR OR LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE, TO THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT  
35 OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR. Such  
36 notice of delinquency may be sent at any time during the reporting  
37 person's service as a [statewide] STATE elected official, state officer  
38 or employee, political party chair or while a candidate for [statewide]  
39 STATE office, or within one year after termination of such service or  
40 candidacy. The jurisdiction of the commission, when acting pursuant to  
41 subdivision thirteen of this section with respect to financial disclo-  
42 sure, shall continue notwithstanding that the reporting person separates  
43 from state service, or ceases to hold office as a [statewide] STATE  
44 elected official or political party chair, or ceases to be a candidate,  
45 provided the commission notifies such person of the alleged failure to  
46 file or deficient filing pursuant to this subdivision. FAILURE TO  
47 RESPOND TO THIS SECOND NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY SHALL REQUIRE THE COMMISSION  
48 TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS FILE IN THIS MATTER WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE DATE OF  
49 THE SECOND NOTICE AND SHALL BE DEEMED A KNOWING AND WILLFUL FAILURE TO  
50 DISCLOSE FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY MUST BE ASSESSED IN ADDITION TO OTHER  
51 REMEDY.

52 S 3. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subdivision 2 of section 73-a of the  
53 public officers law are REPEALED.

54 S 4. Paragraph 3 of subdivision 3 of section 73-a of the public offi-  
55 cers law, as added by chapter 813 of the laws of 1987, the third and

1 fourth undesignated paragraphs as amended by chapter 242 of the laws of  
2 1989, is amended to read as follows:

3 3. (a) Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_. If married, please give spouse's  
4 full name including maiden name where applicable.  
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6 (b) List the names of all unemancipated children.

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12 Answer each of the following questions completely, with respect to  
13 calendar year \_\_\_\_\_, unless another period or date is otherwise  
14 specified. If additional space is needed, attach additional pages.

15 Whenever a "value" or "amount" is required to be reported herein, such  
16 value or amount shall be reported as being within one of the following  
17 Categories: Category A - under \$5,000; Category B - \$5,000 to under  
18 \$20,000; Category C - \$20,000 to under \$60,000; Category D - \$60,000 to  
19 under \$100,000; Category E - \$100,000 to under \$250,000; [and] Category  
20 F - \$250,000 TO UNDER \$1 MILLION; AND CATEOGRY G - \$1 MILLION or over. A  
21 reporting individual shall indicate the Category by letter only.

22 Whenever "income" is required to be reported herein, the term "income"  
23 shall mean the aggregate net income before taxes from the source identi-  
24 fied.

25 The term "calendar year" shall mean the year ending the December 31st  
26 preceding the date of filing of the annual statement.

27 S 5. Subparagraph (a) of paragraph 5 of subdivision 3 of section 73-a  
28 of the public officers law, as amended by chapter 242 of the laws of  
29 1989, is amended to read as follows:

30 (a) List the name, address and description of any occupation, employ-  
31 ment (other than the employment listed under Item 2 above), trade, busi-  
32 ness or profession engaged in by the reporting individual. If such  
33 activity was licensed by any state or local agency, was regulated by any  
34 state regulatory agency or local agency, or, as a regular and signif-  
35 icant part of the business or activity of said entity, did business  
36 with, or had matters other than ministerial matters before, any state or  
37 local agency, list the name of any such agency. IN ADDITION, LIST THE  
38 NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP,  
39 JOINT VENTURE, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, ASSOCIATION, UNION, OR OTHER BUSI-  
40 NESS OR COMMERCIAL ENTITY FROM WHOM COMPENSATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR  
41 ANY VALUE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE; THE VALUE OF THE COMPEN-  
42 SATION; AND THE CONSIDERATION GIVEN OR PERFORMED IN EXCHANGE FOR THE  
43 COMPENSATION.

44			State or
45	Name & Address		Local
46	Position of Organization	Description	Agency
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3 S 6. Subparagraph (a) of paragraph 8 of subdivision 3 of section 73-a  
4 of the public officers law, as added by chapter 813 of the laws of 1987,  
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 (a) If the reporting individual practices law, is licensed by the  
7 department of state as a real estate broker or agent or practices a  
8 profession licensed by the department of education, OR WORKS AS A MEMBER  
9 OR EMPLOYEE OF A FIRM REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE COMMISSION AS  
10 REQUIRED UNDER SECTION ONE-E OF THE LEGISLATIVE LAW, give a general  
11 description of the principal subject areas of matters undertaken by such  
12 individual. Additionally, if such an individual practices with a firm or  
13 corporation and is a partner or shareholder of the firm or corporation,  
14 give a general description of principal subject areas of matters under-  
15 taken by such firm or corporation. Do not list the name of the individ-  
16 ual clients, customers or patients PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT THE REPORTING  
17 INDIVIDUAL MUST LIST THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY,  
18 CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, JOINT VENTURE, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, ASSOCI-  
19 ATION, UNION, OR OTHER BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ENTITY FROM WHOM COMPEN-  
20 SATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR ANY VALUE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE;  
21 THE VALUE OF THE COMPENSATION; AND THE CONSIDERATION GIVEN OR PERFORMED  
22 IN EXCHANGE FOR THE COMPENSATION.

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28 S 7. Subdivision 4 of section 73-a of the public officers law, as  
29 amended by chapter 242 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 4. A reporting individual who knowingly and [wilfully] WILLFULLY fails  
32 to file an annual statement of financial disclosure or who knowingly and  
33 [wilfully] WILLFULLY with intent to deceive makes a false statement or  
34 gives information which such individual knows to be false on such state-  
35 ment of financial disclosure filed pursuant to this section shall be  
36 subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to BE LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED  
37 DOLLARS AND NOT TO exceed ten thousand dollars. Assessment of a civil  
38 penalty hereunder shall be made by the [state ethics] commission ON  
39 PUBLIC INTEGRITY, or by the legislative ethics [committee] COMMISSION,  
40 as the case may be, with respect to persons subject to their respective  
41 jurisdictions. The [state ethics] commission ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY acting  
42 pursuant to subdivision thirteen of section ninety-four of the executive  
43 law, or the legislative ethics [committee] COMMISSION acting pursuant to  
44 subdivision twelve of section eighty of the legislative law, as the case  
45 may be, may, in lieu of a civil penalty, refer a violation to the appro-  
46 priate prosecutor and upon such conviction, but only after such refer-  
47 ral, such violation shall be punishable as a class A misdemeanor. A  
48 civil penalty for false filing may not be imposed hereunder in the event  
49 a category of "value" or "amount" reported hereunder is incorrect unless  
50 such reported information is falsely understated. [Notwithstanding any  
51 other provision of law to the contrary, no other penalty, civil or crim-  
52 inal may be imposed for a failure to file, or for a false filing, of  
53 such statement, except that the appointing authority may impose disci-  
54 plinary action as otherwise provided by law.] The [state ethics] commis-

1 sion ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY, and the legislative ethics [committee] COMMIS-  
2 SION shall each be deemed to be an agency within the meaning of article  
3 three of the state administrative procedure act and shall adopt rules  
4 governing the conduct of adjudicatory proceedings and appeals relating  
5 to the assessment of the civil penalties herein authorized. Such rules,  
6 which shall not be subject to the approval requirements of the state  
7 administrative procedure act, shall provide for due process procedural  
8 mechanisms substantially similar to those set forth in such article  
9 three but such mechanisms need not be identical in terms or scope.  
10 Assessment of a civil penalty shall be final unless modified, suspended  
11 or vacated within thirty days of imposition and upon becoming final  
12 shall be subject to review at the instance of the affected reporting  
13 individual in a proceeding commenced against the [state ethics] commis-  
14 sion ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY or legislative ethics [committee] COMMISSION,  
15 pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.

16 S 8. The public officers law is amended by adding a new section 74-b  
17 to read as follows:

18 S 74-B. REPORTS OF BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH LOBBYISTS. 1. ANY PUBLIC  
19 OFFICER WHO RETAINS, EMPLOYS, DESIGNATES OR OTHERWISE DOES BUSINESS WITH  
20 A LOBBYIST OR LOBBYISTS SHALL, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE DATE UPON WHICH  
21 SUCH BUSINESS DEALINGS COMMENCE, FILE WITH THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC  
22 INTEGRITY CREATED BY SECTION NINETY-FOUR OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, A REPORT  
23 OF SUCH BUSINESS DEALINGS.

24 2. SUCH REPORT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY,  
25 ON FORMS SUPPLIED BY SUCH COMMISSION AND SHALL CONTAIN:

26 (A) THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PUBLIC OFFICER;

27 (B) THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF EACH LOBBYIST RETAINED,  
28 EMPLOYED OR DESIGNATED BY SUCH PUBLIC OFFICER OR WITH WHOM SUCH PUBLIC  
29 OFFICER DID BUSINESS;

30 (C) A DESCRIPTION OF THE GENERAL SUBJECT OR SUBJECTS OF THE TRANS-  
31 ACTIONS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC OFFICER AND THE LOBBYIST OR LOBBYISTS;

32 (D) THE COMPENSATION, INCLUDING EXPENSES, TO BE PAID BY VIRTUE OF THE  
33 BUSINESS DEALINGS.

34 3. (A) ALL SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE COMMISSION  
35 ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY.

36 (B) SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AND  
37 SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING SUCH PERIOD.

38 (C) EACH REPORT FILED BY A PUBLIC OFFICER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
39 SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FILING FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS. IN ADDITION TO  
40 THE FILING FEES AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC  
41 INTEGRITY MAY IMPOSE A FEE FOR LATE FILING OF A REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS  
42 SECTION NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY THAT THE REPORT  
43 REQUIRED TO BE FILED IS LATE, EXCEPT THAT IF THE PUBLIC OFFICER MAKING A  
44 LATE FILING HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO FILE A  
45 REPORT, THE FEE FOR LATE FILING SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN DOLLARS FOR EACH  
46 DAY THAT THE REPORT REQUIRED TO BE FILED IS LATE.

47 S 9. Subdivision 5 of section 107 of the civil service law, as amended  
48 by chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

49 5. Violation of this section. Complaints alleging a violation of this  
50 section by a [statewide] STATE elected official or a state officer or  
51 employee, as defined in section seventy-three of the public officers  
52 law, may be directed to the commission on public integrity.

53 S 10. Section 60 of the legislative law, as amended by chapter 416 of  
54 the laws of 1954, is amended to read as follows:

55 S 60. Testimony before legislative committees. 1. A legislative  
56 committee may require the attendance of witnesses in this state whom the

1 committee may wish to examine, or may issue a commission for the exam-  
2 ination of witnesses who are out of the state or unable to attend the  
3 committee or excused from attendance, which commission if directed by  
4 the house or legislature by which the committee is appointed may be  
5 executed during the recess of the legislature. A commission issued as  
6 provided by this section shall be in the form used in the courts of  
7 record of this state and shall be executed in like manner. Unless other-  
8 wise instructed by the committee appointing them the commissioners shall  
9 examine privately every witness attending before them and shall not make  
10 public the particulars of such examination. No committee of either house  
11 or a joint committee of both houses shall have the power to take testi-  
12 mony at a private hearing or at a public hearing unless at least two of  
13 its members are present at such hearing.

14 2. THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE COMMIS-  
15 SION ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-FOUR OF THE  
16 EXECUTIVE LAW SHALL HOLD HEARINGS REGARDING THE ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOM-  
17 MENDATIONS OF SUCH COMMISSION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE PUBLIC RELEASE  
18 OF SUCH COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT.

19 S 11. Paragraph h of subdivision 7 of section 80 of the legislative  
20 law, as amended by chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 h. Review financial disclosure statements in accordance with the  
23 provisions of this section, AND SHALL CONDUCT A PROGRAM OF RANDOM AUDITS  
24 SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SECTION. ANY SUCH PROGRAM  
25 SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER, provided however, that the  
26 commission may delegate all or part of the review function relating to  
27 financial disclosure statements filed by legislative employees pursuant  
28 to sections seventy-three and seventy-three-a of the public officers law  
29 to the executive director who shall be responsible for completing staff  
30 review of such statements in a manner consistent with the terms of the  
31 commission's delegation;

32 (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL RANDOMLY SELECT FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS  
33 REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY PUBLIC OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE FOR  
34 AUDIT. ANY SUCH SELECTION SHALL BE DONE IN A MANNER PURSUANT TO WHICH  
35 THE IDENTITY OF ANY PARTICULAR PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHOSE DISCLOSURE FORM IS  
36 SELECTED FOR AUDIT IS UNKNOWN TO THE COMMISSION, ITS STAFF OR ANY OF  
37 THEIR AGENTS PRIOR TO SELECTION.

38 (II) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP PROTOCOLS FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH  
39 RANDOM AUDITS. SUCH RANDOM AUDITS MAY REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS  
40 RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO THE PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE  
41 FORMS FOR EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION. ANY SUCH PROTOCOLS SHALL ENSURE  
42 THAT DISCLOSURE FORMS ARE AUDITED IN A UNIFORM MANNER.

43 (III) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING ENTITY,  
44 WHICH SHALL MONITOR THE PROCESS PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COMMISSION SELECTS  
45 STATEMENTS OR REPORTS FOR AUDIT AND CARRIES OUT THE PROVISIONS OF  
46 SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND CERTIFIES THAT SUCH  
47 PROCESS COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH SUBPARAGRAPHS.

48 (IV) UPON COMPLETION OF A RANDOM AUDIT CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
49 THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (I), (II) AND (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,  
50 THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS REASONABLE CAUSE TO  
51 BELIEVE THAT ANY SUCH STATEMENT OR REPORT IS INACCURATE OR INCOMPLETE.  
52 UPON A DETERMINATION THAT SUCH REASONABLE CAUSE EXISTS, THE COMMISSION  
53 MAY REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF FURTHER RECORDS, SUBPOENA WITNESSES,  
54 COMPEL THEIR ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY AND ADMINISTER OATHS OR AFFIRMA-  
55 TIONS, TO THE EXTENT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES SUCH ACTIONS ARE NECES-

1 SARY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO INVESTIGATING SUCH  
2 INACCURACIES OR OMISSIONS.

3 (V) IN THE EVENT THAT THE COMMISSION FAILS TO CONDUCT RANDOM AUDITS AS  
4 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION, EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE  
5 ASSESSED A CIVIL PENALTY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS;

6 S 12. Paragraph i of subdivision 7 of section 80 of the legislative  
7 law, as amended by chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 i. Permit any person required to file a financial disclosure statement  
10 to request the commission to delete from the copy thereof made available  
11 for public inspection and copying one or more items of information,  
12 which may be deleted by the commission upon a finding that the informa-  
13 tion which would otherwise be required to be disclosed will RESULT IN  
14 ECONOMIC OR PERSONAL HARDSHIP TO THE REPORTING PERSON AND WILL have no  
15 material bearing on the discharge of the reporting person's official  
16 duties;

17 S 13. Subdivision 1 of section 14-126 of the election law, as amended  
18 by chapter 128 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

19 1. Any person who fails to file a statement required to be filed by  
20 this article shall be subject to a civil penalty, not [in excess of]  
21 LESS THAN five hundred dollars AND NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS,  
22 to be recoverable in a special proceeding or civil action to be brought  
23 by the state board of elections or other board of elections.

24 S 14. The provisions of this act shall apply to the commission on  
25 public integrity, the legislative ethics commission and to the state  
26 board of elections and to any successor body to any of such entities.

27 S 15. Separability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section  
28 or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent juris-  
29 diction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invali-  
30 date the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to  
31 the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly  
32 involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been  
33 rendered.

34 S 16. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012.