

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the special order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to reporting of digital assets on the annual statement of financial disclosure

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 73-a of the public officers law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph 16-a to read as follows:

3 16-a. List below the name and market value of digital assets held by  
4 the reporting individual or such individual's spouse or domestic partner  
5 in EXCESS of \$1,000 at the close of the taxable year last occurring  
6 prior to the date of filing. Whenever an interest in digital assets  
7 exists through a beneficial interest in a trust, the digital assets held  
8 in such trust shall be listed ONLY IF the reporting individual has know-  
9 ledge thereof except where the reporting individual or the reporting  
10 individual's spouse or domestic partner has transferred assets to such  
11 trust for his or her benefit in which event such digital assets shall be  
12 listed unless they are not ascertainable by the reporting individual  
13 because the trustee is under an obligation or has been instructed in  
14 writing not to disclose the contents of the trust to the reporting indi-  
15 vidual. The digital assets of which the reporting individual or the  
16 reporting individual's spouse or domestic partner is the owner of record  
17 but in which such individual or the reporting individual's spouse or  
18 domestic partner has no beneficial interest shall not be listed. Also  
19 list digital assets owned for investment purposes by a corporation more  
20 than fifty percent (50%) of the stock of which is owned or controlled by

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

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1 the reporting individual or such individual's spouse or domestic part-  
2 ner. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have  
3 the following meanings:

4 (a) "Digital asset" shall mean an asset that is issued, transferred,  
5 or both, using distributed ledger or blockchain technology, including,  
6 but not limited to, digital currencies, digital coins, digital non-fun-  
7 gible tokens or other similar assets.

8 (b) "Digital currency" shall mean any type of digital unit that is  
9 used as a medium of exchange or a form of digitally stored value. Virtu-  
10 al currency shall be broadly construed to include digital units of  
11 exchange that: (i) have a centralized repository or administrator; (ii)  
12 are decentralized and have no centralized repository or administrator;  
13 or (iii) may be created or obtained by computing, manufacturing, or  
14 other similar effort.

15 (c) "Distributed ledger or blockchain technology" shall mean a ledger  
16 or database that stores shared state by maintaining it across a multi-  
17 PLICITY of devices belonging to different entities and securing it  
18 through a combination of cryptographic and consensus protocols, where  
19 the shared state serves to authenticate, record, share, and/or synchro-  
20 nize transactions involving digital assets or virtual currencies.

		<u>Category of</u> <u>Market Value</u> <u>as of the close</u> <u>of the taxable</u> <u>year last</u> <u>occurring</u> <u>prior to</u> <u>the filing of</u> <u>this statement</u> <u>(In Table II)</u>
<u>Self/</u> <u>Spouse or</u> <u>Domestic</u> <u>Partner</u>	<u>Type of</u> <u>Digital Asset</u>	
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37 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
38 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law.