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Introduced by M. of A. SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to requiring the ethics commission of the unified court system to post judges' annual financial disclosures on the commission's website

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 211 of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 188 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

4. **(a)** By September first, nineteen hundred eighty-eight, the chief judge, after consultation with the administrative board, shall approve a form of annual statement of financial disclosure which form shall apply to all judges, justices, officers and employees of the courts of record of the unified court system, who receive annual compensation at or above the filing rate defined by paragraph (l) of subdivision one of section seventy-three-a of the public officers law or are determined to hold a policy-making position pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this subdivision. Such form of annual statement of financial disclosure shall be substantially similar to the form set forth in subdivision three of section seventy-three-a of the public officers law. Within one year after approval of such form, the chief judge shall cause the chief administrator of the courts to promulgate rules or regulations which require every judge, justice, officer and employee of the courts of record of the unified court system, who receives annual compensation at or above the filing rate defined by paragraph (l) of subdivision one of section seventy-three-a of the public officers law or is determined to hold a policy-making position, to report the information required by the approved form effective first with respect to a filing which shall be required in nineteen hundred ninety-one (generally applicable to information for the preceding calendar year) and thereafter, effective

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

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for future annual filings. Such rules and regulations shall also provide for the determination, by the appointing authority, of policy-makers who shall be required to file the annual statement of financial disclosure required by this subdivision. Any judge, justice, officer or employee of the courts of record of the unified court system who, pursuant to such rules or regulations, is required to file a completed annual statement of financial disclosure and who makes such filing in accordance with the requirements contained in such rules or regulations, shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of any other law mandating the filing of a completed annual statement of financial disclosure for the applicable calendar year which might otherwise apply to such judges, justices, officers or employees, and no duplicate filing shall be required on account of any other such law, notwithstanding the provisions of such other law.

(b) The ethics commission for the unified court system shall post on its website for public review for at least five years beginning for filings made on January first, two thousand eighteen, the annual statement of financial disclosure and any amendments filed by each person subject to the reporting requirements of this subdivision who is a state-paid judge or justice, regardless of his or her annual rate of compensation. Such statements shall be posted within thirty days of receipt of such statement or within ten days of its receipt of an amendment that reflects any corrections of deficiencies identified by the commission or by the reporting individual after such individual's initial filing. Except upon an individual determination by the commission that certain information may be deleted from a reporting individual's annual statement of financial disclosure, none of the information in the statement posted on the commission's website shall be otherwise deleted.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.