

STATE OF MAINE

—
 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
 TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

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 S.P. 346 - L.D. 1001

**An Act To Improve Laws Governing Financial Disclosure by Legislators and
 Certain Public Employees and Public Access to Information Disclosed**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1016-G, sub-§1, ¶¶C, E and K, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 634, §11, are amended to read:

C. The name, address and principal economic or business activity of any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other business in which the Legislator or members of the Legislator's immediate family own or control, directly or indirectly, more than ~~50%~~ 5% of the outstanding equity, whether individually or in the aggregate, that has received revenue of \$2,000 or more;

E. Each source of income of \$2,000 or more received by the Legislator and a description of the nature of the income, such as rental income, dividend income and capital gains;

K. Each party as defined in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection 28, including a party committee, and each organization that is required under Title 21-A, chapter 13 to register with the commission as a political action committee or ballot question committee for which the Legislator or a member of the Legislator's immediate family is a treasurer, principal officer or principal fund-raiser or decision maker;

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1016-G, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 634, §11, is amended to read:

5. Public record. Statements filed under this section are public records. The commission shall ~~publish~~ provide a means for Legislators to file statements in an electronic format that must immediately place the statements on a publicly accessible website ~~the completed forms of Legislators filed under this section.~~ Legislators shall file statements required by this section using the electronic format prescribed by the commission. If a Legislator can attest to an inability to access or use the electronic filing format, the commission may provide assistance to the Legislator to ensure proper and timely placement of the required statements on the publicly accessible website.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §19, sub-§2, ¶¶H, J and P, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 634, §19, are amended to read:

H. The name, address and principal economic or business activity of any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other business in which the executive employee or members of the employee's immediate family own or control, directly or indirectly, more than ~~50%~~ 5% of the outstanding equity, whether individually or in the aggregate, that has received revenue of \$2,000 or more;

J. Each additional source of income of \$2,000 or more received by the executive employee and a description of the nature of the income, such as rental income, dividend income and capital gains;

P. Each party as defined in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection 28, including a party committee, and each organization that is required under Title 21-A, chapter 13 to register with the commission as a political action committee or ballot question committee for which the executive employee or a member of the executive employee's immediate family is a treasurer, principal officer or principal fund-raiser or decision maker of the organization;

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §19, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2007, c. 704, §9, is further amended to read:

6. Public record. Statements filed under this section are public records. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall ~~publish~~ provide a means for executive employees to file statements in an electronic format that must immediately place the statements on a publicly accessible website ~~the completed forms of executive employees filed under this section.~~ Executive employees shall file statements required by this section using the electronic format prescribed by the commission. If an executive employee can attest to an inability to access or use the electronic filing format, the commission may provide assistance to the employee to ensure proper and timely placement of the required statements on the publicly accessible website.

Sec. 5. Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to recommend method for disclosing income in ranges. By February 1, 2014, the staff of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall recommend to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs a method for providing disclosure of income received by Legislators and certain employees of the executive branch as ranges of income reported. The committee shall consider the recommendations of the commission and seek input from Legislators and members of the executive branch subject to disclosure requirements. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature directing the commission to adopt major substantive rules, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to require that income disclosures, required by Title 1, section 1016-G and Title 5, section 19, be submitted in ranges.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL

Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to develop and implement a new electronic filing system.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$20,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>