

1 HB259  
2 197552-2  
3 By Representative Fincher  
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections  
5 First Read: 21-MAR-19

ENGROSSED

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to ethics; to amend Section 36-25-15, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase the time during which a candidate must file a statement of economic interests with the State Ethics Commission to not more than five days after the candidate qualifies to run for office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 36-25-15, Code of Alabama 1975,  
is amended to read as follows:

"§36-25-15.

"(a) Candidates at every level of government shall file a completed statement of economic interests for the previous calendar year with the State Ethics Commission ~~simultaneously with the date such~~ not more than five days after the candidate files his or her qualifying papers with the appropriate election official or in the case of an independent candidate, not more than five days after the date the person complies with the requirements of Section 17-9-3. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require a second filing of the person's statement of economic interests if a

1 current statement of economic interests is on file with the  
2 commission.

3 "(b) Each election official who receives a  
4 declaration of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot  
5 for election from a candidate shall, within five days of the  
6 receipt, notify the commission of the name of the candidate,  
7 as defined in this chapter, and the date on which the person  
8 became a candidate. The commission shall, within five business  
9 days of receipt of such notification, notify the election  
10 official whether the candidate has complied with the  
11 provisions of this section.

12 "(c) Other provisions of the law notwithstanding, if  
13 a candidate does not submit a statement of economic interests  
14 or when applicable, an amended statement of economic interests  
15 in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, the name  
16 of the person shall not appear on the ballot and the candidate  
17 shall be deemed not qualified as a candidate in that election.  
18 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commission may, for good  
19 cause shown, allow the candidate an additional five days to  
20 file such statement of economic interests. If a candidate is  
21 deemed not qualified, the appropriate election official shall  
22 remove the name of the candidate from the ballot."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
24 first day of the third month following its passage and  
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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House of Representatives

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Clerk