
OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION

- Allows a public official who is required to file financial disclosure statements with the appropriate ethics commission to file those statements electronically.
- Requires persons who are elected or appointed to, or who are candidates for, an office of a township with a population of 5,000 or more to file financial disclosure statements under the Ethics Law.
- Requires such a person to pay a filing fee of \$35 when filing a financial disclosure statement.

Electronic filing of financial disclosure statements

(R.C. 102.02)

The bill allows a public official who is required to file financial disclosure statements to file those statements electronically. Under continuing law, depending on the office, a public official must file those statements with the Ohio Ethics Commission, with the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, or with the Supreme Court Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline.

Township officers and candidates filing financial disclosure statements

(R.C. 102.02; Section 803.220)

The bill expands the list of persons who are required to file financial disclosure statements under the Ethics Law to include persons who are elected or appointed to, or who are candidates for, an office of a township with a population of 5,000 or more. The Ethics Law currently requires other public officials, including persons who are elected or appointed to state, county, or city office to file financial disclosure statements regarding the sources of income and gifts received, persons with whom the candidate or official transacts business, and the source and amount of payment of expenses and meal and beverage costs. The bill expands these requirements also to apply to persons who are elected or appointed to, or who are candidates for, an office of a township with a population of 5,000 or more. The bill also clarifies that the employees of any township and persons who are elected or appointed to, or who are candidates for, an office of a township with a population of less than 5,000 are not required to file financial disclosure statements.



The bill specifies that the filing requirements first apply to 2013 statements required to be filed by persons who are candidates for or serving in a township office in calendar year 2014. The statements must be filed within 90 days after the effective date of the bill.

The bill establishes a \$35 filing fee that each such candidate or officer must pay when filing the person's financial disclosure statement. The \$35 amount is the same as the filing fee required to be paid by candidates for, and officers of, a city office.

