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SENATE BILL No. 301

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT concerning governmental ethics; relating to statements of 1 2 substantial interests; requiring annual filing of such statements by local 3 governmental officers and employees; amending K.S.A. 46-252 and 4 75-4302a and repealing the existing sections. 5 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: 7 Section 1. K.S.A. 46-252 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-8 252. All statements of substantial interests filed under this act the state 9 governmental ethics law and K.S.A. 75-4302a, and amendments thereto, 10 shall be available for examination and copying by the public at all 11 reasonable times. Each individual examining a statement-must shall first 12 fill out a form or sign a register prepared and publicly maintained by the 13 secretary of state identifying the examiner by name, occupation, address 14 and telephone number, and listing the date of examination. Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-4302a is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-15 16 4302a. (a) The statement of substantial interests shall include all substantial interests of the individual making the statement. 17 18 (b) Statements of substantial interests shall be filed by the following 19 individuals at the times specified: 20 (1) By a candidate for local office who becomes a candidate on or 21 before the filing deadline for the office, not later than 10 days after the 22 filing deadline, unless before that time the candidacy is officially declined 23 or rejected. 24 (2) By a candidate for local office who becomes a candidate after the 25 filing deadline for the office, within five days of becoming a candidate, 26 unless within that period the candidacy is officially declined or rejected. 27 (3) By an individual appointed on or before April 30 of any year to 28 fill a vacancy in an elective office of a governmental subdivision, between 29 April 15 and April 30, inclusive, of that year and each year thereafter, so 30 long as the act applies to the individual. 31 (4) By an individual appointed after April 30 of any year to fill a 32 vacancy in an elective office of a governmental subdivision, within 15 33 days after the appointment and annually thereafter between April 15 and 34 April 30, inclusive, so long as the act applies to the individual. 35 (5) By any individual holding an elective office of a governmental 36 subdivision, annually between April 15 and April 30, inclusive, of any year if, during the preceding calendar year, any change occurred in the
individual's substantial interests so long as the act applies to the
individual.

4 (c) The statement of substantial interests required to be filed pursuant 5 to this section shall be filed in the office where declarations of candidacy 6 for the local governmental office sought or held by the individual are 7 required to be filed. *Upon receipt of each such statement, the receiving* 8 *office shall submit a copy of such statement to the secretary of state.*

9 (d) The governmental ethics commission shall adopt rules and 10 regulations prescribing the form and the manner for filing the disclosures 11 of substantial interests required by law. The commission shall provide 12 samples of the form of the statement to each county election officer.

(e) If an individual or an individual's spouse holds the position of 13 14 officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor in an organization exempt from federal taxation of corporations under section 501(c)(3), (4), (6), (7), 15 16 (8), (10) or (19) of chapter 26 of the United States code, the individual 17 shall comply with all disclosure provisions of subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this section notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4301, and 18 amendments thereto, which provide that these individuals may not have a 19 20 substantial interest in these corporations.

21 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 46-252 and 75-4302a are hereby repealed.

22 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 23 publication in the statute book.