

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICE

Includes candidates for:



Does NOT include candidates for:



Governor	School Board
Lt. Governor	City or Town Office (Mayor, council)
Treasurer	County office (council, Recorder of Deeds, Registrar of Wills, Clerk of the Peace)
Auditor	U.S. Senate
Insurance Commissioner	U.S. House of Representatives
Delaware Senate	U.S. President
Delaware House of Representatives	U.S. Vice-President

PUBLIC POLICY

TITLE 29, CHAPTER 58 B. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE BY STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

§5860. Findings

The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) In our democratic form of government, persons serving in state government hold positions of public trust which require rigorous adherence to the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and impartiality.

(2) In order to insure propriety and preserve public trust, a public official or employee should refrain from acting in his official capacity on any matter wherein he has a direct or indirect personal financial interest that might reasonably be expected to impair his objectivity or independence of judgment, and should avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

(3) A disclosure of the personal financial interests of public officials will serve to guard against conduct violative of this public trust and to restore the public's faith and confidence in representatives of its government.



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Dear Candidate,

This letter is to introduce you to our State agency and to make you aware of your obligation to file a personal financial disclosure within 14 days of notification by our office.

1. Who are we?

The Delaware Public Integrity Commission (or PIC) was created in 1994 to enforce the State's Code of Conduct. One of our duties includes collecting and maintaining personal financial disclosures from candidates running for statewide office.

2. How did we find out about you?

When you file for statewide elected office, the Department of Elections sends us a copy of your Candidate Filing Form or Party Nomination Form.

3. Why are your personal finances anyone's business?

As a candidate for elected office, the voters have an interest in knowing what businesses you own; businesses in which you have a financial interest; sources of income; and businesses to whom you owe money. The disclosure requires you to disclose the *names* of those entities, it does NOT require you to disclose dollar amounts. (See attached findings from the Delaware General Assembly, 1984).

4. Who has access to the information?

Other than our office, your disclosure is available to anyone who files a FOIA request for a copy. Your disclosure is NOT available to view on our website. We require a FOIA request so that we may keep track of who has requested your information. The requestors are usually, but not always, members of the media.

5. Is the financial disclosure required?

Yes, pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 5812(n)(1)(c) and 15 *Del. C.* § 2308, you are required by law to complete the disclosure. (See attached copies).

6. Penalties for failure to file.

If you do not complete the disclosure within the statutory timeframe (14 days) we will notify the Department of Elections so that they may publish your name on their public website. PIC may also refer your matter to the State Attorney General's Office for consideration of prosecution. Violation of the law is an unclassified misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or 6 months in prison.

7. Is this related to my campaign finance reports?

No.

8. Specifically, what types of questions must you answer?

Attached is a copy of a financial disclosure form to give you an idea of what the filing looks like. You are required to file your disclosure online and may NOT submit a paper copy.

9. Where do I file?

Online, in our database, the Public Integrity Reporting System (PIRS). In order to do so, we must set up an account for you before you attempt to file. More information will be provided, including step-by-step instructions, when we first contact you about the financial disclosure requirement.

10. Please take a moment to review our website at depic.delaware.gov.

11. Contact: Deborah J. Moreau, Esq., (302) 739-2399, deborah.moreau@delaware.gov.

If you did not include your phone number or email address on your Candidate Filing Form or your Party Nomination Form, please send an email to the address above so that we can send you the necessary information!!! Thank you!