



# Mississippi Ethics Commission

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## Statement of Economic Interest

Due to recent changes in the law, the Statement of Economic Interest form has changed for 2009. Click the link below to access the form. Complete the form on your computer BEFORE printing the form. Then sign the statement in the presence of a notary public and mail or deliver it to our office. DO NOT USE AN OLD FORM. IT WILL BE REJECTED.

The filing deadline has been extended for some filers. Anyone who qualified to run for office PRIOR to January 22, 2009, in an election to be held in 2009 must file the Statement of Economic Interest ON OR BEFORE February 6, 2009. Anyone appointed to a position BETWEEN January 1 and January 22, 2009, must file the Statement of Economic Interest ON OR BEFORE February 23, 2009. For all other filers, the deadline remains April 30, 2009.

Pursuant to Senate Bill 2983, enacted during the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature, Statements of Economic Interest will ONLY be filed electronically on this website by January 1, 2010. On-line filing may begin sooner if funds to implement the system become available.

Senate Bill 2983 also mandates all Statements of Economic Interest filed with the Commission be posted on this website. The posting of Statements previously filed will begin as soon as funds become available.

### **[Click here for the Statement of Economic Interest in Microsoft Word format.](#)**

*This form is in Microsoft Word format. You must have Microsoft Word installed on your computer to use the form.*

### **[Click here for the Statement of Economic Interest in Adobe Acrobat format.](#)**

You must have Adobe Acrobat installed on your computer to access this form. The Adobe Acrobat Reader is available at no charge through the link at the bottom of this page.

### **[Resolution No. 08-001: Filing of the Statement of Economic Interest by New Filers](#)**

Executive directors and board members of certain economic development entities and all airport authorities must begin filing the Statement of Economic Interest in 2009.

**Resolution No. 08-002: Effective Date of New Disclosure Requirements**

New disclosure requirements imposed by 2008 legislation will become effective for 2009 filing period.

**Resolution No. 08-003: Blind Trust Filings**

Filing requirements imposed on blind trusts and trustees are already in effect.

**Annual Statement of Trustee of Blind Trust**  
(in Microsoft Word format)

**CLICK HERE TO VIEW FORMS FILED BY STATE OFFICIALS.**

The Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit, nonpartisan independent journalism organization based in Washington, D.C., publishes statements of economic interest filed by Mississippi state officials on the Center's website. Clicking the link above will redirect you to that website.

**Persons Required to File**

Persons elected by popular vote, excluding United States Senators and United States Representatives, to any office, whether it be legislative, executive or judicial, and whether it be statewide, district, county, municipal or any other political subdivision, with the exception of members of boards of levee commissioners and election commissioners;

Members of local school boards that administer public funds, regardless of whether such members are elected or appointed;

Persons who are candidates for public office or who are appointed to fill a vacancy in an office who, if elected, would be required to file a statement of economic interest;

Executive directors or heads of state agencies, by whatever name they are designated, who are paid in part or in whole, directly or indirectly, from funds appropriated or authorized to be expended by the Legislature, and the presidents and trustees of all state-supported colleges, universities and junior colleges; and

Members of any state board, commission or agency, including the Mississippi Ethics Commission, charged with the administration or expenditure of public funds, with the exception of advisory boards or commissions: provided, however, in order to fulfill the legislative purposes of the chapter, the commission may require, upon a majority vote, the filing of a statement of economic interest by

members of an advisory board or commission.

• **Senate Bill 2983, enacted during the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature adds board members and executive directors of local economic development entities and airport authorities to the group of officials required to file. For more information about Senate Bill 2983, click the link to the left entitled "New Law."**

### **Filing Dates**

Incumbent office holders must file on or before May 1 of each year.

Candidates for office in primary, special or general elections must file within 15 days after qualifying to be candidates.

Appointees of offices required to file must submit a statement of economic interest form within 30 days of their appointment.

No person by reason of successful candidacy or assuming additional offices shall be required to file more than one disclosure form in any calendar year, except such official shall notify the commission of such additional offices previously not reported.

### **Contents**

The information required to be disclosed is oriented to the public servant's private positions, employment or ownership and the source of the individual's income, but not to specific amounts.

The disclosure form must be signed under oath attesting to its completeness and accuracy.

The disclosure information is for the previous calendar year and, in some cases, includes the current year through the date of filing.

Specific disclosure information includes that of the spouse, if the official is married.

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