

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-29
SENATE BILL 184**

AN ACT TO ALLOW JUDICIAL OFFICERS TO LIST A BUSINESS ADDRESS ON A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST AND TO KEEP THEIR HOME ADDRESSES AND THE NAMES OF THEIR UNEMANCIPATED MINOR CHILDREN CONFIDENTIAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 138A-24(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Any statement of economic interest filed under this Article shall be on a form prescribed by the Commission and sworn to by the filing person. Answers must be provided to all questions. The form shall include the following information about the filing person and the filing person's immediate family:

- (1) The Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the name, home address, occupation, employer, and business of the person. A judicial officer may use a business address instead of the home address on the form required in this subsection. The judicial officer may also use the initials instead of the name of any unemancipated child of the judicial officer who also resides in the household of the judicial officer. If the judicial officer provides a business address or provides the initials of an unemancipated child, the judicial officer shall concurrently provide a home address and the name of the unemancipated child to the Commission. The home address and the name of an unemancipated child provided by the judicial officer to the Commission shall not be a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and is privileged and confidential.

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SECTION 2. G.S. 138A-22(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) A candidate for an office subject to this Article shall file the statement of economic interest at the same place and in the same manner as the notice of candidacy for that office is required to be filed under ~~G.S. 163-106~~, G.S. 163-106 or G.S. 163-323 within 10 days of the filing deadline for the office the candidate seeks. A person who is nominated under G.S. 163-114 after the primary and before the general election, and a person who qualifies under G.S. 163-122 as an unaffiliated candidate in a general election, shall file a statement of economic interest with the county board of elections of each county in the senatorial or representative district. A person nominated under G.S. 163-114 shall file the statement within three days following the person's nomination, or not later than the day preceding the general election, whichever occurs first. A person seeking to qualify as an unaffiliated candidate under G.S. 163-122 shall file the statement of economic interest with the petition filed under that section. A person seeking to have write-in votes counted for the person in a general election shall file a statement of economic interest at the same time the candidate files a declaration of intent under G.S. 163-123. A candidate of a new party chosen by convention shall file a statement of economic interest at the same time that the president of the convention certifies the names of its candidates to the State Board of Elections under G.S. 163-98."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective January 1, 2007.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of April, 2007.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 11:38 a.m. this 28th day of April, 2007