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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-TWO

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**AN ACT Relating to Disclosure of Economic Interests by Legislators.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 3, c. 19, sub-c. III, additional. Chapter 19 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 146 of the public laws of 1971, is amended by adding a new subchapter III, to read as follows:

**SUBCHAPTER III**

**DISCLOSURE OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

§ 391. Statement required

Each candidate for the State Legislature and for Governor at the time that he files the required nomination petition shall file therewith a statement of his economic interests as hereinafter defined. The statement shall remain on file with the Secretary of State as a public document until the person is no longer a candidate and if elected, until his term expires or ends by resignation or death. Once the term expires or the person is no longer a candidate, the statement shall be destroyed forthwith.

§ 392. Statement form

Each candidate referred to in section 391 shall file a statement under oath which shall disclose the source but not the amount of any income over \$1,000 received by him or his spouse or both of them for the last taxable year under the Maine Income Tax Law. If the source is a profession, it shall be disclosed generally and not by specific client except in the case of an attorney who is on a retainer of \$1,000 or more a year. In this case, the client's name

shall be stated. If the source is an employer, the employer's name and address shall be stated. If the source is the ownership of stocks, bonds or other securities, the name of the corporation or entity shall be stated but not the amount.

The names of any secured creditors to whom the candidate owes more than \$3,000 shall be stated as of the date of the filing; however, the amount of the debt shall not be disclosed.

The statement shall also disclose any offer of employment made to a Legislator or the Governor which he accepts during his term of office.

Any person who is elected to the Legislature or the Office of the Governor shall file a new statement within 30 days after the last day of the year. No statement shall be required for the last day of the term.

#### § 393. Judiciary

Each Judge of the District Court and each Justice of the Superior Court and Supreme Judicial Court shall file a statement as defined in section 392 with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court within 30 days after the last day of each year. The statement shall be a public record.

#### § 394. Attorney General

The Attorney General shall file a statement as defined in section 392 with the Secretary of State within 30 days after the last day of each year. The statement shall be a public record.

#### § 395. Department heads

All persons serving in the positions mentioned in Title 2, section 6 shall file a statement as defined in section 392 within 30 days after the last day of each year. The statement shall be a public record and shall be destroyed when the person is no longer serving in a position as defined in Title 2, section 6.