

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 72

BY SENATOR APPEL

ETHICS. Provides that certain provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics are applicable to judges. (8/15/10)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1170(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 42:1124.2(A)(5), relative to  
3 ethical standards for public servants; to provide for financial disclosure requirements  
4 and mandatory ethics education of appointed and elected judges; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:1170(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
8 42:1124.2(A)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1124.2. Financial disclosure; certain elected officials; members of certain boards  
10 and commissions; ethics administrator; **judges**

11 A. Each of the following, except a person who is required to file a financial  
12 statement pursuant to R.S. 42:1124, shall annually file a financial statement as  
13 provided in this Section:

- 14 (1) Each member of the state legislature.  
15 (2) Each person holding a public office who represents a voting district  
16 having a population of five thousand or more persons.  
17 (3) Each member of the Board of Ethics and the ethics administrator.

1 (4) Each member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

2 **(5) Each member holding an appointed or elected position of judge to**  
3 **the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, or other courts authorized**  
4 **by Article V of the Constitution of Louisiana.**

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6 §1170. Ethics education; mandatory requirements; ethics designee

7 A.(1) Commencing with terms of office beginning January 1, 2008, and  
8 thereafter, each statewide elected official, legislator, **appointed and elected judge,**  
9 and public service commissioner shall receive a minimum of one hour of education  
10 and training on the Code of Governmental Ethics during each year of his term of  
11 office. All newly elected officials shall receive the required one hour of education  
12 training on the Code of Governmental Ethics within the first ninety days after taking  
13 the oath of office. In addition, each statewide elected official, legislator, **appointed**  
14 **and elected judge,** and public service commissioner shall receive a minimum of one  
15 hour of education and training on the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act during his  
16 term of office.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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DIGEST

Present law provides that an annual financial statement must be filed by the following  
persons:

- (1) Legislators.
- (2) Elected officials representing a voting district with a population of 5,000 or more.
- (3) Board of Ethics members and the ethics administrator.
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Proposed law retains present law and extends the financial disclosure requirements to  
appointed and elected judges.

Present law provides for mandatory ethics educational training for statewide elected  
officials, legislators, and the public service commissioner. The training requirements are:

- (a) The Code of Governmental Ethic ----- training annually.

(b) The Campaign Finance Disclosure Act ----- training during their term of office.

Proposed law retains present law and extends the mandatory ethics educational training requirements to appointed and elected judges.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 42:1170(A)(1); adds R.S. 42:1124.2(A)(5))