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Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government

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The Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government
2025 Legislative Agenda

ETHICS AND LOBBYING

1. **Accessorial Liability (Executive Law, Public Officers Law, Civil Service Law and Lobbying Act)**
   - **Proposal:** Amend laws to expressly prohibit individuals and entities under the Commission's jurisdiction from soliciting, aiding, or importuning another to engage in conduct that violates the State's ethics and lobbying laws. The Public Officers Law and the Lobbying Act do not expressly authorize COELIG to pursue individuals under its jurisdiction who aid others in the commission of acts in violation of the law. The inclusion of so called "accessorial liability" in the law would strengthen COELIG's enforcement arm and promote compliance with the State's ethics and disclosure laws.

2025 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S.7125 (Skoufis) – Referred to Ethics and Internal Governance (4/1/25)

2024 INTRODUCED BILL(S): None.

LOBBYING

2. **Conforming Changes to the Lobbying Act**
   - **Proposal:** Amend Section 1-d(h) of the Lobbying Act to conform to Section 94(8) of the Executive Law by adding clients to the mandatory ethics training requirements set forth in the Lobbying Act. Amend Section 1-d(h) to require lobbyists (and, as proposed, clients) to complete the online ethics training course within 60 days of being listed on a Statement of Registration. Additionally, to correspond with biennial filing requirements, amend the requirement in Section 1-d(h) for lobbyists (and, as proposed, clients) to complete the online ethics training course from once every three years to once every two years to coincide with the biennial registration cycle.

2025 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S. 5590 (Liu) - Referred to Ethics and Internal Governance Committee (2/25/25)

2024 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S. 9257 (Breslin) – Referred to the Ethics and Internal Governance Committee, advanced to third reading (5/15/2024), committed to Rules Committee (6/7/2024)

3. **Training Non-Compliance Penalties for Lobbyists and Clients**
   - **Proposal:** Amend Executive Law Section 94(8) and Legislative Law Article 1-A (the Lobbying Act) Section 1-d(h) to authorize the Commission to impose late fees on lobbyists and clients who fail to timely comply with the mandated ethics training. Proposed late fees for failure to timely complete mandatory ethics training could include language similar to the statutory language authorizing late filing fees, which authorizes late fees of up to a certain dollar amount per day.

2025 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S. 5590 (Liu) - Referred to Ethics and Internal Governance Committee (2/25/25)

2024 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S. 9257 (Breslin) – Referred to the Ethics and Internal Governance Committee, advanced to third reading (5/15/2024), committed to Rules Committee (6/7/2024)

4. **Express Individual Liability of Responsible Parties and other Lobbying Representatives for Intentional Lobbying Act Violations**
   - **Proposal:** Amend the Legislative Law Article 1-A (the Lobbying Act) to clarify that the Responsible Party listed on the lobbying reports is the individual responsible for the accuracy, truthfulness, and completeness of the lobbying filings, and that such individual will be responsible for any knowing and willful violation of the Lobbying Act. (The Commission has clarified, in recently adopted amendments to its lobbying regulations, that all lobbying filings must be signed and attested to by a Responsible Party. *See* 19 NYCRR §§943.3, 943.5, 943.6. 943.9, 943.10, 943.11 and 943.12, adopted June 26, 2024. Those amendments, however, do not address the civil liability of Responsible Parties.)

2024 INTRODUCED BILL(S): None.

5. **Require Electronic Submission of All Lobbying Filings**

- **Proposal:** Amend the Lobbying Act in sections 1-(d)(e)(h)(i)(j) and (l) to require electronic filing of all lobbying reports. This proposal would ease the administrative burden created by the submission of paper filings and promote transparency of lobbying activity by ensuring that all lobbying filings are available to the public upon submission to the Commission. (NB: Section 305(1) of the State Technology Law prevents government entities from mandating electronic filing "except as otherwise provided by law"; hence this proposal for a legislative change rather than a regulatory amendment.)

Note: See also proposal 7 below.

2025 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S. 5843 (Skoufis) – Referred to Ethics and Internal Governance Committee (3/3/2025)

A. 2330 (McDonald) – Referred to Governmental Operations Committee (1/16/2025)

2024 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S. 9009 (Skoufis) – Referred to Ethics and Internal Governance (4/9/24)

A. 10302 (McDonald) – Referred to Governmental Operations Committee (5/17/2024)

ETHICS

6. **Post the Financial Disclosure Statements of Candidates**
   - **Proposal:** Starting with the 2026 Primary Election candidates, post the Financial Disclosure Statements of all Primary and General Election Candidates for Statewide Office and the Legislature, subject to the Commission's receiving a budgetary infusion to cover additional agency costs.

2025 INTRODUCED BILL(S): *Similar but not same bills introduced:*

S. 4857 (Skoufis and Hoylman-Sigal) Referred to Ethics and Internal Governance (2/13/25)

A. 463 (Paulin) Referred to Government Operations. (1/8/25)

2024 INTRODUCED BILL(S): *Similar but not same bills introduced:*

S. 3574A (Skoufis and Hoylman-Sigal) Referred to Ethics and Internal Governance. (2/13/25)

A. 2507A (Paulin) Referred to Government Operations. (1/3/24)

7. **Require Electronic Filing of All Financial Disclosure Statements**
   - **Proposal**: Amend Public Officers Law §73-a to require electronic filing of all Financial Disclosure Statements.
     Note: See also Proposal 5, above.

2025 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S. 6162 (Skoufis) – Referred to Ethics and Internal Governance Committee (3/6/2025)

2024 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S. 9011 (Skoufis) – Referred to Ethics and Internal Governance Committee (4/9/2024)

A.10382 (C. Cruz) – Referred to Governmental Operations (5/21/2024)

8. **Add Penalties for Certain Violations of the Public Officers Law which Currently Have None**
   - **Proposal:** Add penalties for violations of POL § 74(3)(f) and (h), and explicitly codify sexual harassment as conduct that violates the code of ethics.
     i. Subsection (f) prohibits a State officer or employee from engaging in any conduct that would "give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or her or unduly enjoy his or her favor in the performance of his or her official duties." Subsection (h) requires a State office or employee to "pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion among the public that he or she is likely to be engaged in acts that are in violation of his or her trust." These standards are general in nature and the statute currently provides no penalty for violations of these two specific provisions other than referring for agency disciplinary action, including termination, or, in the case of statewide elected officials, impeachment (EL §94(10)(p)(ii)).
     ii. Add a provision to Public Officers Law Section 74, the State's Code of Ethics, specifically codifying sexual harassment as a violation of the Code. Currently, sexual harassment claims are addressed under POL Section 74(3)(h), which prohibits conduct that goes against the public trust and carries no monetary penalty, and/or POL Section 74(3)(d), which prohibits securing unwarranted privileges and carries a $10,000 penalty.
     iii. Add a monetary penalty to POL Sections 74(3)(f) and (h), similar to the penalties imposed for violations of POL Sections 74(3)(b), (c), (d), or (i). Violations of the public's trust are serious infractions and should be treated accordingly.

2024 INTRODUCED BILL(S): None.

OPEN MEETINGS LAW

9. **Eliminate the Physical Access Requirement in for Advisory Committees and Subcommittees of Public Bodies.**
   - **Proposal:** Amend the Open Meetings Law to allow meetings of purely advisory and non-decision-making committees, including ad hoc committees and subcommittees, to be held virtually with no requirement of physical access to participating commission members, provided that the meeting is publicly live-streamed and the public has access to one or more viewing sites. Removing the physical access requirement will increase transparency and substantially increase the number and frequency of non-decisional committee meetings of advisory-only bodies. Authorizing purely advisory subordinate committees and subcommittees of advisory bodies to meet by publicly livestreamed and recorded videoconference, with ample public notice and access to one or more fully equipped viewing sites, and without requiring members to travel long distances to assemble physically in public, will facilitate the readily accessible convening of such meetings and thereby both foster the principle of public scrutiny of the workings of state and local government that lies at the heart of the OML and serve the broader public interest without materially trenching upon either.

2025 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S.647 (Skoufis) – Passed the Investigations and Government Operations Committee (2/3/25). Advanced to third reading 2/5/25.

A.2329 (McDonald) – Referred to Governmental Operations Committee (1/16/2025).

2024 INTRODUCED BILL(S):

S.9010 (Skoufis) – Referred to the Investigations and Government Operations Committee, advanced to third reading (5/8/2024), committed to Rules Committee.

A.10642 (McDonald) – Referred to Governmental Operations Committee (6/20/2024).

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STATE OF NEW YORK

7125

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 1, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the legislative law, in relation to subjecting individuals who solicit, request, command, importune, or intentionally aid or assist others to engage in conduct that violates certain provisions of the public officers law, the civil service law, or the legislative law to the same penalties as those who perform the illegal activities

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subdivision 10 of section 94 of the executive law, as added by section 2 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(n) (i) An individual subject to the jurisdiction of the commission who knowingly and intentionally violates the provisions of subdivisions two through five-a, seven, eight, twelve or fourteen through seventeen of section seventy-three of the public officers law, section one hundred seven of the civil service law, or a reporting individual who knowingly and willfully fails to file an annual statement of financial disclosure or who knowingly and willfully with intent to deceive makes a false statement or fraudulent omission or gives information which such individual knows to be false on such statement of financial disclosure filed pursuant to section seventy-three-a of the public officers law, **or an individual, acting with the mental culpability required for the commission thereof, who solicits, requests, commands, importunes, or intentionally aids or assists another person to engage in any such conduct,** shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed forty thousand dollars and the value of any gift, compensation or benefit received as a result of such violation.

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(ii) An individual who **or an entity that** knowingly and intentionally violates the provisions of paragraph a, b, c, d, e, g, or i of subdivision three of section seventy-four of the public officers law, **or an individual, acting with the mental culpability required for the commission thereof, who solicits, requests, commands, importunes, or intentionally aids or assists another person to engage in such conduct,** shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars and the value of any gift, compensation or benefit received as a result of such violation.

(iii) An individual subject to the jurisdiction of the commission who knowingly and willfully violates article one-A of the legislative law**, or an individual, acting with the mental culpability required for the commission thereof, who solicits, requests, commands, importunes, or intentionally aids or assists another person to engage in such conduct,** shall be subject to civil penalty as provided for in that article.

(iv) With respect to a potential violation of any criminal law where the commission finds sufficient cause by a majority vote, it shall refer such matter to the appropriate law enforcement authority for further investigation.

(v) In assessing the amount of the civil penalties to be imposed, the commission shall consider the seriousness of the violation, the amount of gain to the individual and whether the individual previously had any civil or criminal penalties imposed pursuant to this section, and any other factors the commission deems appropriate.

(vi) A civil penalty for false filing shall not be imposed under this subdivision in the event a category of "value" or "amount" reported hereunder is incorrect unless such reported information is falsely understated.

(vii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no other penalty, civil or criminal may be imposed for a failure to file, or for a false filing, of such statement, or a violation of subdivision six of section seventy-three of the public officers law or section one hundred seven of the civil service law, except that the commission may recommend that the individual in violation of such subdivision or section be disciplined.

§ 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (p) of subdivision 10 of section 94 of the executive law, as added by section 2 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) With respect to the investigation of any individual who is not a member of the legislature or a legislative employee or candidate for member of the legislature, if after its investigation and due process hearing, the commission has found, by a majority vote, a substantial basis to conclude that the individual or entity has violated the public officers law, section one hundred seven of the civil service law, or the legislative law, **or, acting with the mental culpability required for the commission of such violations, has solicited, requested, commanded, importuned, or intentionally aided or assisted another person to violate one or more of such laws,** the commission shall determine whether, in addition to or in lieu of any fine authorized by this article, the matter should be referred to their employer for discipline with a warning, admonition, censure, suspension or termination or other appropriate discipline. With regard to statewide elected officials, the commission may not order suspension or termination but may recommend impeachment. The commission shall then issue a report containing its determinations including its findings of fact and conclusions of law to the complainant

and respondent. The commission shall publish such report on its website within twenty days of its delivery to the complainant and respondent.

§ 3. Section 1-o of the legislative law, as added by chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1-o. Penalties. (a) (i) Any lobbyist, public corporation, or client who knowingly and wilfully fails to file timely a report or statement required by this section or knowingly and wilfully files false information or knowingly and wilfully violates section one-m of this article shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor; and

(ii) any lobbyist, public corporation, or client who knowingly and wilfully fails to file timely a report or statement required by this section or knowingly and wilfully files false information or knowingly and wilfully violates section one-m of this article, after having previously been convicted in the preceding five years of the crime described in paragraph (i) of this subdivision, shall be guilty of a class E felony. Any lobbyist convicted of or pleading guilty to a felony under the provisions of this section may be barred from acting as a lobbyist for a period of one year from the date of the conviction. [~~For the purposes of this subdivision, the chief administrative officer of any organization required to file a statement or report shall be the person responsible for making and filing such statement or report unless some other person prior to the due date thereof has been duly designated to make and file such statement or report.~~]

(b)(i) A lobbyist, public corporation, or client who knowingly and wilfully fails to file a statement or report within the time required for the filing of such report or knowingly and wilfully violates section one-m of this article, or an individual, acting with the mental culpability required for the commission thereof, who solicits, requests, commands, importunes, or intentionally aids or assists another person to engage in such conduct, shall be subject to a civil penalty for each such failure or violation, in an amount not to exceed the greater of twenty-five thousand dollars or three times the amount the person failed to report properly or unlawfully contributed, expended, gave or received, to be assessed by the commission.

(ii) A lobbyist, public corporation, or client who knowingly and wilfully files a false statement or report, or an individual, acting with the mental culpability required for the commission thereof, who solicits, requests, commands, importunes, or intentionally aids or assists another person to engage in such conduct shall be subject to a civil penalty, in an amount not to exceed the greater of fifty thousand dollars or five times the amount the person failed to report properly, to be assessed by the commission.

(iii)(A) A lobbyist or client who knowingly and wilfully violates the provisions of subdivision one of section one-n of this article, or an individual, acting with the mental culpability required for the commission thereof, who solicits, requests, commands, importunes, or intentionally aids another person to engage in such conduct, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars for an initial violation.

(B) If, after a lobbyist or client has been found to have violated subdivision one of section one-n of this article, a lobbyist or client knowingly and wilfully violates the provisions of subdivision one of section one-n of this article within four years of such finding, the lobbyist or client shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

(iv) Any lobbyist or client that knowingly and wilfully fails to file a statement or report within the time required for the filing of such report, knowingly and wilfully files a false statement or report, or knowingly and wilfully violates section one-m of this article, after having been found by the commission to have knowing and wilfully committed such conduct or violation in the preceding five years, may be subject to a determination that the lobbyist or client is prohibited from engaging in lobbying activities, as that term is defined in paragraph (v) of subdivision (c) of section one-c of this article, for a period of one year.

(v) Any lobbyist or client that knowingly and wilfully engages in lobbying activities, as that term is defined in paragraph (v) of subdivision (c) of section one-c of this article, during the period in which they are prohibited from engaging in lobbying activities, as that term is defined in paragraph (v) of subdivision (c) of section one-c of this article pursuant to this subdivision, may be subject to a determination that the lobbyist or client is prohibited from engaging in lobbying activities, as that term is defined in paragraph (v) of subdivision (c) of section one-c of this article, for a period of up to four years, and shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, plus a civil penalty in an amount equal to five times the value of any gift, compensation or benefit received as a result of the violation.

(vi) A lobbyist, public corporation, or client who knowingly and wilfully fails to retain their records pursuant to paragraph three of subdivision (c) of section one-e of this article, subparagraph (v) of paragraph five of subdivision (b) of section one-h of this article, or paragraph five of subdivision (b) of section one-j of this article shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount of two thousand dollars per violation to be assessed by the commission.

(c) **For the purposes of this section, the chief administrative officer of any organization required to file a statement or report shall be the person responsible for making and filing such statement or report unless some other person prior to the due date thereof has been duly designated to make and file such statement or report.**

(d)(i) Any assessment or order to debar shall be determined only after a hearing at which the party shall be entitled to appear, present evidence and be heard. Any assessment or order to debar pursuant to this section may only be imposed after the commission sends by certified and first-class mail written notice of intent to assess a penalty or order to debar and the basis for the penalty or order to debar. Any assessment may be recovered in an action brought by the attorney general.

(ii) In assessing any fine or penalty pursuant to this section, the commission shall consider: (A) as a mitigating factor that the lobbyist, public corporation or client has not previously been required to register, and (B) as an aggravating factor that the lobbyist, public corporation or client has had fines or penalties assessed against it in the past. The amount of compensation expended, incurred or received shall be a factor to consider in determining a proportionate penalty.

(iii) Any lobbyist, public corporation or client who receives a notice of intent to assess a penalty for knowingly and wilfully failing to file a report or statement pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section and who has never previously received a notice of intent to assess a penalty for failing to file a report or statement required under this section shall be granted fifteen days within which to file the statement of registration or report without being subject to the fine or penalty set

forth in subdivision (b) of this section. Upon the failure of such lobbyist, public corporation or client to file within such fifteen day period, such lobbyist, public corporation or client shall be subject to a fine or penalty pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section.

[~~(d)~~] **(e)** All moneys recovered by the attorney general or received by the commission from the assessment of civil penalties authorized by this section shall be deposited to the general fund.

§ 4. Subdivision (a) of section 1-p of the legislative law, as added by chapter 2 of the laws of 1999 and as relettered by chapter 1 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(a) All statements and reports required under this article shall be subject to a declaration by the **chief administrator officer or** person [~~making and filing~~] **duly designated with the responsibility to make or file** such statement and report that the information **contained in any such filing** is true, correct and complete to the best knowledge and belief of the signer under the penalties of perjury.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK

5590

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 25, 2025

Introduced by Sen. LIU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the legislative law, in relation to education and training in ethics and lobbying

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 94 of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1) The commission may impose a fee upon lobbyists and clients of lobbyists for late completion of the training course required by this subdivision, as set forth in subdivision (i) of section one-d of the legislative law.

§ 2. Subdivision (h) of section 1-d of the legislative law, as added by section 7 of part A of chapter 399 of the laws of 2011, is amended and a new subdivision (i) is added to read as follows:

(h) provide an online ethics training course for [~~individuals registered as~~] lobbyists **and clients listed on a statement of registration submitted** pursuant to section one-e of this article. The curriculum for the course shall include, but not be limited to, explanations and discussions of the statutes and regulations of New York concerning ethics in the public officers law, the election law, the legislative law, summaries of advisory opinions, underlying purposes and principles of the relevant laws, and examples of practical application of these laws and principles. The commission shall prepare those methods and materials necessary to implement the curriculum. Each [~~individual registered as a~~] lobbyist [~~pursuant to section one-e of this article~~] **and client** shall complete such training course **within ninety days of being listed on a statement of registration and thereafter** at least once in any [~~three-year~~] **biennial** period during which [~~he or she is registered~~

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~~as a~~] the lobbyist or client is listed on a statement of registration submitted pursuant to section one-e of this article.

(i) the commission may impose a fee for failure to complete the training course in a timely manner as required by this section, not to exceed twenty-five dollars for each day that the lobbyist or client is late, in accordance with procedures set forth by the commission.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

STATE OF NEW YORK

5843

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 3, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to requiring electronic filing of all lobbying filings

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Sections 1-u and 1-v of the legislative law, section 1-v as relettered by chapter 1 of the laws of 2005, are renumbered sections 1-v and 1-w and a new section 1-u is added to read as follows:

§ 1-u. Electronic filing. All statements and reports required by this article shall be submitted electronically using the commission's online filing system.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 16, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to requiring electronic filing of all lobbying filings

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Sections 1-u and 1-v of the legislative law, section 1-v as relettered by chapter 1 of the laws of 2005, are renumbered sections 1-v and 1-w and a new section 1-u is added to read as follows:

§ 1-u. Electronic filing. All statements and reports required by this article shall be submitted electronically using the commission's online filing system.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

4857

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 13, 2025

Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, HOYLMAN-SIGAL -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance

AN ACT to amend the public officers law and the executive law, in relation to posting financial disclosure filings for candidates for statewide office or candidates for a member of the legislature

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subdivision 2 of section 73-a of the public officers law, as amended by section 7 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(k) The commission on ethics and lobbying in government shall post for at least five years beginning for filings made on January first, two thousand thirteen the annual statement of financial disclosure and any amendments filed by each person subject to the reporting requirements of this subdivision who is an elected official**, candidate for statewide office or candidate for a member of the legislature,** on its website for public review within thirty days of its receipt of such statement or within ten days of its receipt of such amendment that reflects any corrections of deficiencies identified by the commission or by the reporting individual after the reporting individual's initial filing. Except upon an individual determination by the commission that certain information may be deleted from a reporting individual's annual statement of financial disclosure, none of the information in the statement posted on the commission's website shall be otherwise deleted.

§ 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 13 of section 94 of the executive law, as added by section 2 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall post on its website the following documents:

(i) the information set forth in an annual statement of financial disclosure filed pursuant to section seventy-three-a of the public offi-

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cers law except information deleted pursuant to paragraph (g) of subdivision nine of this section of statewide elected officials and members of the legislature**, and candidates for statewide elected office and member of the legislature**;

(ii) notices of delinquency sent under subdivision nine of this section;

(iii) notices of civil assessments imposed under this section which shall include a description of the nature of the alleged wrongdoing, the procedural history of the complaint, the findings and determinations made by the commission, and any sanction imposed;

(iv) the terms of any settlement or compromise of a complaint or referral which includes a fine, penalty or other remedy;

(v) those required to be held or maintained publicly available pursuant to article one-A of the legislative law; and

(vi) reports issued by the commission pursuant to this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

STATE OF NEW YORK

463

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law and the executive law, in relation to posting financial disclosure filings for candidates for statewide office or candidates for a member of the legislature

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subdivision 2 of section 73-a of the public officers law, as amended by section 7 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(k) The commission on ethics and lobbying in government shall post for at least five years beginning for filings made on January first, two thousand thirteen the annual statement of financial disclosure and any amendments filed by each person subject to the reporting requirements of this subdivision who is an elected official**, candidate for statewide office or candidate for a member of the legislature,** on its website for public review within thirty days of its receipt of such statement or within ten days of its receipt of such amendment that reflects any corrections of deficiencies identified by the commission or by the reporting individual after the reporting individual's initial filing. Except upon an individual determination by the commission that certain information may be deleted from a reporting individual's annual statement of financial disclosure, none of the information in the statement posted on the commission's website shall be otherwise deleted.

§ 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 13 of section 94 of the executive law, as added by section 2 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall post on its website the following documents:

(i) the information set forth in an annual statement of financial disclosure filed pursuant to section seventy-three-a of the public offi-

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cers law except information deleted pursuant to paragraph (g) of subdivision nine of this section of statewide elected officials and members of the legislature**, and candidates for statewide elected office and member of the legislature**;

(ii) notices of delinquency sent under subdivision nine of this section;

(iii) notices of civil assessments imposed under this section which shall include a description of the nature of the alleged wrongdoing, the procedural history of the complaint, the findings and determinations made by the commission, and any sanction imposed;

(iv) the terms of any settlement or compromise of a complaint or referral which includes a fine, penalty or other remedy;

(v) those required to be held or maintained publicly available pursuant to article one-A of the legislative law; and

(vi) reports issued by the commission pursuant to this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

STATE OF NEW YORK

6162

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 6, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to requiring electronic filing of all financial disclosure statements

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 73-a of the public officers law is amended by adding a new paragraph (l) to read as follows:

(l) (i) Beginning with the statement due in calendar year two thousand twenty-six, all statements shall be submitted on the electronic filing system administered by the commission on ethics and lobbying in government.

(ii) Any individual required to file a statement pursuant to this section may request from the commission on ethics and lobbying in government or the individual's appointing authority access to an electronic computer terminal to file the statement. An individual who requests such access must be provided access within two business days of submitting the request.

(iii) No individual shall be deemed not to have timely filed the statement if access to an electronic computer terminal was not available as provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(iv) An individual may submit the statement on a form supplied by the commission on ethics and lobbying in government with a written attestation from a physician or other licensed health provider indicating that the individual has a disability or infirmity preventing the individual from completing the statement on the electronic filing system provided by the commission on ethics and lobbying in government.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to expanding use of videoconferencing to purely advisory bodies

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 103-a of the public officers law is amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:

(j) a public body may, in its discretion, authorize members of its committees and subcommittees that perform advisory functions only to attend meetings of such committees and subcommittees from one or more non-public locations through the use of videoconferencing and be considered present for purposes of fulfilling quorum requirements for such meetings provided that an opportunity for the public to attend, listen and observe such meetings in at least one physical location that is provided and that location meets all physical access requirements of section one hundred three of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amendments to section 103-a of the public officers law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 16, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

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