

# FPPC Form 700 Requirements

## **Fair Political Practices Commission: Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)**

The Political Reform Act requires public officials to disclose assets and income which may be materially affected by their official actions. The Act requires governmental agencies to ensure that their public officials (board/commission members, employees and consultants) disclose their interests on or before the statutory deadline. Filing officers must supply a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) to those officials who have assuming, initial, annual and leaving office filing obligations and notify filers who have failed to file. These guidelines provide a suggested timeline for notifications to individuals who must file an annual statement of economic interests. An enforcement referral must be made if a statement is not filed and suggested procedures are provided.

(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations.)

## **§ 18722. Filing Assuming and Leaving Office Statements of Economic Interests; Alternates and Designees.**

(a) For the purposes of Government Code sections 87202 and 87302:

(1) The date of assuming office is the date that a person either:

(A) Is authorized to serve in the position, as by being sworn in; or

(B) Except in the case of an elected official who is required to be sworn into office, begins to perform the duties of the position, as by making, participating in making, or attempting to use his or her official position to influence a governmental decision; whichever occurs earlier.

(2) For the purposes of Government Code sections 87202(a) and 87302(b), the date that a person is appointed or nominated to an office is the date the appointment or nomination is submitted to the confirming body.

(b) The date that a person permanently leaves office, for the purposes of Government Code sections 87204 and 87302, is the date that the person is no longer authorized to perform the duties of the office, and stops performing those duties, including making, participating in making, or attempting to use his or her official position to influence any governmental decision. For purposes of this subdivision, a person shall not be deemed to have left office permanently because he or she is on a leave of absence or serves as an intermittent employee. However, a person shall be deemed to have left office permanently if the person merely receives compensation for; accrued leave credits.

(c) Every person who holds an office specified in Government Code sections 87200 or 87302, subdivision (a), as an alternate or as a designee, shall be required to disclose his or her economic interests in the same manner as any other person holding the office. Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 87202, 87204 and 87302, Government Code.

## **History**

1. New section filed 10-11-2005; operative 11-10-2005 (Register 2005, No. 41). For prior history, see Register 77, No. 14.

## **Form 700 Filings**

**Statements of Economic Interests** (SEIs or Form 700s) are an important means for the official that files them, the media, and the public to help gauge where potential conflicts of interest may exist. These state mandated forms include information about the sources of an official's income, investments, business positions, real property holdings and gifts. Merely reporting an economic interest is not a conflict in itself; a conflict arises when an official governmental decision, made by the official, impacts their economic interests.

One of the key themes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 is that documents such as SEIs and campaign statements are filed at the most decentralized level. This made sense at a time when it was easier to walk down to the City Clerk's office; but with the Internet, there is greater access to these documents if they are maintained on a single website. Statements for local officials are first filed with the local agency and then sent to the FPPC. The FPPC relies on the local agencies to ensure that the rosters are up-to-date. The Commission hopes you find this resource useful. Please continue to check back as we update these pages.

Due to privacy concerns and out of an abundance of caution, the SEIs posted on the Commission's website have the address, telephone and signature blocks redacted. Copies of the original forms are available for review or duplication.

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