REGARDING NEW QUESTIONS FOR 2022 FILING YEAR:
The Illinois General Assembly recently enacted Public Act 102-0662 which included a
major change in the content of the Statement of Economic Interests form.

The new form has 7 questions that differ significantly from the previous form. This
resource provides definitions of terms found within the Statement of Economic Interest.

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THE DEKALB COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE CANNOT PROVIDE ANY LEGAL
ADVICE TO FILERS. YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY FOR ANY
LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING THE ILLINOIS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS ACT,
INCLUDING HOW TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON YOUR STATEMENT OF
ECONOMIC INTEREST FORM.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:
(*indicates term used in the definition of another term)

ASSET:
(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS
(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."
(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article
have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.
(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Sec. 1-102.5. "Asset" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, an item that is owned and
has monetary value. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, assets include, but are not limited to:
stocks, bonds, sector mutual funds, sector exchange traded funds, commodity futures, investment
real estate, beneficial interests in trusts, business interests, and partnership interests. For the purposes
of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, assets do not include: personal residences; personal vehicles; savings
or checking accounts; bonds, notes, or securities issued by any branch of federal, state, or local
government; Medicare benefits; inheritances or bequests, other than beneficial interests in trusts;
diversified funds; annuities; pensions (including government pensions); retirement accounts; college
savings plans that are qualified tuition plans; qualified tax-advantaged savings programs that allow
individuals to save for disability-related expenses; or tangible personal property.

(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

COMPENSATION*:

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article
have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-104) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-104)

Sec. 1-104. "Compensation" means any money, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on, or
received by, any person in return for services rendered, or to be rendered, by himself or another.

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

CREDITOR:

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article
have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)
(5 ILCS 420/1-104.3)

Sec. 1-104.3. "Creditor" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, an individual, organization, or other business entity to whom money or its equivalent is owed, no matter whether that obligation is secured or unsecured, except that if a filer makes a loan to members of his or her family, then that filer does not, by making such a loan, become a creditor of that individual for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103 of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

DEBT:

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-104.4)

Sec. 1-104.4. "Debt" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, any money or monetary obligation owed at any time during the preceding calendar year to an individual, company, or other organization, other than a loan that is from a financial institution, government agency, or business entity and that is granted on terms made available to the general public. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, "debt" includes, but is not limited to: personal loans from friends or business associates, business loans made outside the lender's regular course of business, and loans made at below market rates. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, "debt" does not include: (i) debts to or from financial institutions or government entities, such as mortgages, student loans, credit card debts, or loans secured by automobiles, household furniture, or appliances, as long as those loans were made on terms available to the general public and do not exceed the purchase price of the items securing them; (ii) debts to or from a political committee registered with the Illinois State Board of Elections or political committees, principal campaign committees, or authorized committees registered with the Federal Election Commission; or (iii) a loan from a member of the filer's family not known by the filer to be registered to lobby under the Lobbyist Registration Act.

(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)
**DIVERSIFIED FUNDS**:  
(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)  
**ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS**  
(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)  
Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."  
(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)  
(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)  
Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.  
(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)  
(5 ILCS 420/1-104.5)  
Sec. 1-104.5. "Diversified funds" means investment products, such as mutual funds, exchange traded funds, or unit investment trusts, that invest in a wide variety of securities across multiple sectors or asset classes. "Diversified funds" does not include sector funds.  
(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)  

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**:  
(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)  
**ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS**  
(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)  
Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."  
(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)  
(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)  
Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.  
(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)  
(5 ILCS 420/1-105) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-105)  
Sec. 1-105. "Economic opportunity" means any purchase, sale, lease, contract, option, or other transaction or arrangement involving property or services wherein a legislator may gain an economic benefit. The term shall not include gifts.  
(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)
ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP:
(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS
(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."
(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.
(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-105.2)

Sec. 1-105.2. "Economic relationship" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, any joint or shared ownership interests in businesses and creditor-debtor relationships with third parties, other than commercial lending institutions, where: (a) the filer is entitled to receive (i) more than 7.5% of the total distributable income, or (ii) an amount in excess of the salary of the Governor; or (b) the filer together with his or her spouse or minor children is entitled to receive (i) more than 15%, in the aggregate, of the total distributable income, or (ii) an amount in excess of 2 times the salary of the Governor.
(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

FAMILY:
(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS
(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."
(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.
(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-105.3)
Sec. 1-105.3. "Family" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, a filer's spouse, children, step-children, parents, step-parents, siblings, step-siblings, half-siblings, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandparents, and grandchildren, as well as the parents and grandparents of the filer's spouse, and any person living with the filer.

(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

**FILER:**

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-105.5)

Sec. 1-105.5. "Filer" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, a person required to file a statement of economic interests pursuant to this Act.

(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

**INCOME:**

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-105.6)
Sec. 1-105.6. "Income" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, pension income and any income from whatever source derived, required to be reported on the filer's federal income tax return, including, but not limited to: compensation received for services rendered or to be rendered (as required to be reported on any Internal Revenue Service forms, including, but not limited to, Forms W-2, 1099, or K-1); earnings or capital gains from the sale of assets; profit; interest or dividend income from all assets; revenue from leases and rentals, royalties, prizes, awards, or barter; forgiveness of debt; and earnings derived from annuities or trusts other than testamentary trusts. "Income" does not include compensation earned for service in the position that necessitates the filing of the statement of economic interests, or investment or interest returns on items excluded from the definition of "asset", or income from the sale of a personal residence or personal vehicle.

(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

**INSTRUMENT OF OWNERSHIP:**

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-115) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-115)

Sec. 1-115. "Instrument of Ownership" means deeds, common or preferred stock certificates, rights, warrants, options, bills of sale, contracts, interests in proprietorships, partnerships and joint ventures, and beneficial interests in trusts or land trusts.

(Source: P.A. 77-1806.)

**INVESTMENT REAL ESTATE:**

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)
Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Sec. 1-105.7. "Investment real estate" means any real property, other than a filer's personal residences, purchased to produce a profit, whether from income or resale. Investment real estate may be described by the city and state where the real estate is located.

(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

LEGISLATIVE INTEREST*:

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Sec. 1-106. "Legislative interest" means a substantial economic interest, distinct from that of the general public, in one or more legislative matters.

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

LEGISLATIVE MATTER*:

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)
Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Sec. 1-107. "Legislative matter" means any bill, resolution, nomination, or other issue or proposal pending before the General Assembly or any committee, sub-committee, or commission thereof.

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

**LEGISLATOR**:  

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)  
ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS  
(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)  
Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Sec. 1-108. "Legislator" means a member or member-elect of the General Assembly.

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

**LOBBYIST**:  

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)  
ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS  
(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)  
Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)  

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.
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(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-110) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-110)

Sec. 1-110. "Lobbyist" means an individual who is required to be registered to engage in lobbying activities pursuant to the Lobbyist Registration Act.

(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

PERSON OR ENTITY:

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-111) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-111)

Sec. 1-111. "Person" or "entity" means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, association, trust, estate, business trust, group, or corporation, whether or not operated for profit, or a governmental agency, unit, or subdivision.

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

PERSON WITH WHOM LEGISLATOR MAINTAINS A CLOSE ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION*:

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)
Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Sec. 1-112. "Person with whom the legislator maintains a close economic association" means a person associated with the legislator in a partnership, association or professional service corporation, whether as partner, officer, employee, associate, or otherwise.

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

PERSONAL RESIDENCE*:

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Sec. 1-112.5. "Personal residence" means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, a filer's primary home residence and any residential real property held by the filer and used by the filer for residential rather than commercial or income generating purposes.

(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

REPRESENTATION CASE*:

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)
Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Sec. 1-113. "Representation case" means the professional representation of any person, client or principal, with or without compensation, in any matter before any State agency where the action or non-action of the State agency involves the exercise of substantial discretion. However, the term shall not include inquiries for information or other services rendered in a legislative capacity on behalf of a constituent or other member of the public.

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

**STATE AGENCY**: *

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Sec. 1-114. "State agency" means any department, office, commission, board or authority within the Executive Department, and includes State-supported universities and colleges and the Illinois Building Authority.

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

**SPOUSE**: *

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)
Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."
(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.
(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-113.7)

Sec. 1-113.7. "Spouse" means a party to a marriage, a party to a civil union, or a registered domestic partner.
(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

**SECTOR FUNDS***:

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."
(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-102) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-102)

Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.
(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

(5 ILCS 420/1-113.6)

Sec. 1-113.6. "Sector funds" means mutual funds or exchange traded funds invested in a particular industry or business.
(Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

**UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:**

(5 ILCS 420/Art. 1 heading)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS

(5 ILCS 420/1-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-101)

Sec. 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Illinois Governmental Ethics Act."
Sec. 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in this Article have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

5 ILCS 420/1-120

Sec. 1-120. Unit of local government. "Unit of local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution and also includes school districts and community college districts.

(Source: P.A. 88-605, eff. 9-1-94.)

Constitution of the State of Illinois

ARTICLE VII

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. MUNICIPALITIES AND UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

"Municipalities" means cities, villages and incorporated towns. "Units of local government" means counties, municipalities, townships, special districts, and units, designated as units of local government by law, which exercise limited governmental powers or powers in respect to limited governmental subjects, but does not include school districts.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)