



2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 890

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1 **AN ACT to create** 19.475 of the statutes; **relating to:** disclosing information
2 about executive branch appointments.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires each executive officer to submit information to the Ethics Commission regarding each appointment made by that officer. The bill requires that the officer disclose whether the appointee is related to the officer, any head of a state agency, any member of the officer's staff, any political party officer, or any elected official. The bill also requires that the officer disclose whether the appointee has a social relationship with the officer, whether the appointee has made contributions to the governor, whether the appointee has entered into any contracts with the state, and whether the officer has previously appointed the appointee to other offices.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 19.475 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **19.475 Disclosure of executive branch appointments.** (1) Each executive
5 branch officer shall submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the
6 commission, all of the following information about any individual appointed by the
7 officer:

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1 (a) The appointee's name, address, occupation, and employer.

2 (b) An indication of whether the appointee is related to the officer and, if so, the
3 degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).

4 (c) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any other executive
5 branch officer and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship
6 under s. 990.001 (16).

7 (d) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any member of the
8 officer's staff, including campaign staff and advisors, and, if so, the name of the
9 related individual and the degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).

10 (e) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any political party
11 officer and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship under
12 s. 990.001 (16).

13 (f) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any individual holding
14 an elective office and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of
15 kinship under s. 990.001 (16).

16 (g) An indication of whether the appointee has a social relationship with the
17 officer and, if so, the nature of that relationship.

18 (h) The amount of any contributions that the appointee made to the governor
19 or governor's candidate committee during the year in which the officer appoints the
20 individual and during each of the 4 years preceding the appointment.

21 (i) An indication of whether the appointee has entered into any contracts with
22 the state and, if so, a description of those contracts.

23 (j) A description of any other offices to which the officer, governor, or other
24 executive branch officer has appointed the appointee in the 5 years preceding the
25 most recent appointment.

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1 (2) The commission shall provide on the form prescribed under this section a
2 box that the officer may mark to indicate that the relationships described in sub. (1)
3 (b) to (g) do not apply to the appointee and that the appointee has made no
4 contributions as described in sub. (1) (h), has not entered into any contracts with the
5 state as described in sub. (1) (i), and has not been appointed to other offices as
6 described in sub. (1) (j).

7 (3) The commission shall require the officer to make an affirmation on the form
8 prescribed under this section, subject to penalty of false swearing under s. 946.32 (2),
9 that the information contained in the form is true and complete.

10 (4) The officer shall submit to the commission the form prescribed under this
11 section no later than 10 days after making the appointment.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

12 (1) This act first applies to appointments made on the effective date of this
13 subsection.
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SECTION 3. Effective date.

15 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2016.
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17 (END)