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2015 SENATE BILL 659

February 1, 2016 – Introduced by Senators Vinehout and C. Larson, cosponsored by Representatives Stuck, Shankland, Berceau, Billings, Brostoff, Doyle, Goyke, Johnson, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kolste, Ohnstad, Sinicki, Subeck, C. Taylor and Spreitzer. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

- 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:

Section 1. 19.475 of the statutes is created to read:

19.475 Disclosure of executive branch appointments. (1) Each executive branch officer shall submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the commission, all of the following information about any individual appointed by the officer:

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- (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 degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).
 - (c) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any other executive branch officer and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).
 - (d) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any member of the officer's staff, including campaign staff and advisors, and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).
 - (e) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any political party officer and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).
 - (f) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any individual holding an elective office and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).
 - (g) An indication of whether the appointee has a social relationship with the officer and, if so, the nature of that relationship.
 - (h) The amount of any contributions that the appointee made to the governor or governor's candidate committee during the year in which the officer appoints the individual and during each of the 4 years preceding the appointment.
 - (i) An indication of whether the appointee has entered into any contracts with the state and, if so, a description of those contracts.
 - (j) A description of any other offices to which the officer, governor, or other executive branch officer has appointed the appointee in the 5 years preceding the most recent appointment.

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(2) The commission shall provide on the form prescribed under this section a
box that the officer may mark to indicate that the relationships described in sub. (1)
(b) to (g) do not apply to the appointee and that the appointee has made no
contributions as described in sub. (1) (h), has not entered into any contracts with the
state as described in sub. (1) (i), and has not been appointed to other offices as
described in sub. (1) (j).
(3) The commission shall require the officer to make an affirmation on the form
prescribed under this section, subject to penalty of false swearing under s. 946.32 (2),
that the information contained in the form is true and complete.
(4) The officer shall submit to the commission the form prescribed under this
section no later than 10 days after making the appointment.
SECTION 2. Initial applicability.
(1) This act first applies to appointments made on the effective date of this
subsection.
Section 3. Effective date.
(1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2016.

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