2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 143

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

ETHICS/FINANCIAL DISCLOS: Provides relative to the term "parcel" in the Code of Governmental Ethics relative to personal financial disclosure

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1124(G)(3) and 1124.2(G)(4), relative to personal financial disclosure; to provide for the meaning of "parcel" for the purposes of personal financial disclosure; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:1124(G)(3) and 1124.2(G)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1124. Financial disclosure; statewide elected officials; certain public servants

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G. For purposes of this Section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

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<u>(3) "Parcel" shall mean one lot or parcel of ground, or two or more contiguous lots or parcels of ground assessed together by the assessor to the same owner or owners without distinguishing the valuation of each lot or parcel separately.</u>

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§1124.2. Financial disclosure; certain elected officials; members of certain boards and commissions; ethics administrator

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G. For purposes of this Section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

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(4) "Parcel" shall mean one lot or parcel of ground, or two or more contiguous lots or parcels of ground assessed together by the assessor to the same owner or owners without distinguishing the valuation of each lot or parcel separately.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for a definition of the term "parcel" relative to the disclosure of parcels of immovable property on the Tier 1 and Tier 2 personal financial disclosure statements.

Present law (ethics code--R.S. 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, and 1124.3-Tiers 1, 2, 2.1, and 3) requires all elected officials and certain other specified officials and board and commission members to file a financial disclosure statement by May 15th of each year during which the person holds public office or position and by May 15th of the year following the termination of the holding of such office. Present law provides some exceptions. Present law (Election Code/Campaign Finance Disclosure Act–R.S. 18:1495.7) further requires any person who becomes a candidate for an office for which the holder of the office is required to file financial disclosure statements pursuant to present law (Code of Governmental Ethics–R.S. 42:1124, 1124.2, or 1124.3) to file a financial disclosure statement as required by present law for the office for which he is a candidate. Present law requires each such statement to include certain specified information for the entire preceding calendar year, with a limited exception.

Present law (R.S. 42:1124 and 1124.2–Tiers 1 and 2) requires a brief description, fair market value or, use value, as determined by the assessor for purposes of ad valorem taxes, the location by state and parish or county, of each parcel of immovable property in which the individual or spouse, either individually or collectively, has an interest, provided that the value of the interest the individual or spouse, either individually or collectively, has in the parcel of immovable property exceeds $2,000.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the term "parcel" means one lot or parcel of ground, or two or more contiguous lots or parcels of ground assessed together by the assessor to the same owner or owners without distinguishing the valuation of each lot or parcel separately.

(Adds R.S. 42:1124(G)(3) and 1124.2(G)(4))

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