

## CHAPTER 397

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 31 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-3118.1, relating to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act; disclosure of economic interests.*

[H 2111]

Approved March 21, 2005

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 31 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-3118.1 as follows:

*§ 2.2-3118.1. Special provisions for individuals serving in or seeking multiple positions or offices; reappointees.*

*A. The filing of a single current statement of economic interests by a state officer or employee required to file the form prescribed in § 2.2-3117 shall suffice for the purposes of this chapter as filing for all state positions or offices held or sought by such individual during a single reporting period. The filing of a single current financial disclosure statement by a state officer or employee required to file the form prescribed in § 2.2-3118 shall suffice for the purposes of this chapter as filing for all state positions or offices held or sought by such individual and requiring the filing of the § 2.2-3118 form during a single reporting period.*

*B. Any individual who has met the requirement for annually filing a statement provided in § 2.2-3117 or 2.2-3118 shall not be required to file an additional statement upon such individual's reappointment to the same office or position for which he is required to file, provided such reappointment occurs within 12 months after the annual filing.*

### Summary

#### **State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act; disclosure of economic interests.**

Provides that the filing of a single current statement of economic interests or financial disclosure statement by a state officer or employee shall suffice as the economic interest statement or financial disclosure statement for all state positions or offices held or sought during a single reporting period. The bill also provides that a state officer or employee who meets the annual January filing requirement shall not be required to file an additional statement upon such individual's reappointment provided that the reappointment occurs within 12 months after the submission of the annual filing. The bill is a recommendation of the HJR 186 (2004) Joint Subcommittee.

## CHAPTER 90

*An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-426 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Lobbyist Regulation and Disclosure Act; lobbyist reporting.*

[H 2112]

Approved March 20, 2005

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-426 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-426. Lobbyist reporting; penalty.

A. Each lobbyist shall file a separate annual report of expenditures, including gifts, for each principal for whom he lobbies by July 1 for the preceding ~~twelve~~ 12-month period complete through April 30.

B. Each principal who expends more than \$500 to employ or compensate multiple lobbyists shall be responsible for filing a consolidated lobbyist report pursuant to this section in any case in which the lobbyists are each exempt under the provisions of subdivision 7 or 8 of § 2.2-420 from the reporting requirements of this section.

C. The report shall be on a form provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, which shall be substantially as follows and shall be accompanied by instructions provided by the Secretary.

### **FORM**

D. A person who signs the disclosure statement knowing it to contain a material misstatement of fact shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.

E. Each lobbyist shall send to each legislative and executive official who is required to be identified by name on Schedule A or B of the Lobbyist's Disclosure Form a copy of Schedule A or B or a summary of the information pertaining to that official. Copies or summaries shall be provided to the official by ~~January 5~~ *December 15* for the preceding ~~twelve~~ 12-month period complete through ~~December 31~~ *November 30*.

**2. That information required to be filed by subsection E of § 2.2-786 to certain officials by December 15, 2005, shall cover the preceding 11 month period complete through November 30, 2005.**

### **Summary**

**Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act; reporting.** Changes from January 5 to December 15 the date on which registered lobbyists must provide statements to legislative and executive officials with whom they have lobbied. The bill also changes the reporting period for the statements from January 1 through December 31 to December 1 through November 30. This bill is a recommendation of HJR 186 (2004) Joint Subcommittee.