

*NOTES TO ACCOMPANY THE REQUIRED ECONOMIC
INTEREST FORM*

Public Act 102-0664 has changed the Economic Interest Statement and the following definitions may assist in understanding the questions on the form. They are taken from the actual legislation and help explain what is needed to be disclosed. This is not to be taken as personal legal advice. If you have questions after reading these definitions, please consult your attorney. Your attention is drawn to the definitions of an “asset” and “debt” outlined below in particular. The complete statutory definitions are attached.

“ASSET”: 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.

“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.