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TO: ALL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OFFICIALS:

Act 2015-495 signed by Governor Bentley on June 12, 2015 and effective September 1, 2015, amended the Alabama Ethics Act, more specifically, Section 36-25-15 (a)(b) regarding filing of and verification of compliance for Statement of Economic Interests forms by a candidate:

*“(a) Candidates at every level of government shall file a completed statement of economic interests for the previous calendar year with the State Ethics Commission **simultaneously** with the date such candidate files his or her qualifying papers with the appropriate election official or in the case of an independent candidate, the date the person complies with the requirements of Section 17-9-3...”*

The above change no longer allows a candidate to file his/her original Statement of Economic Interests form with your office to forward to the Ethics Commission. The form must be filed with our office first.

“(b) Each election official who receives a declaration of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot for election from a candidate shall, within five days of the receipt, notify the commission of the name of the candidate, as defined in the chapter, and the date on which the person became a candidate. The commission shall, within five business days of receipt of such notification, notify the election official whether the candidate has complied with the provisions of this section.”

With this new requirement, your point of contact with this office will be Barbi Lee, Chief of Finance & Administrative Division. Please send your lists directly to her, she and her staff will verify the list of candidates, and return your list back to you with certification of compliance of your candidates.

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It is our goal to help you as much as possible during this election cycle. If you have additional questions, please contact our office at 334.242.2997.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas B. Albritton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Thomas B. Albritton
Executive Director