



Ohio Revised Code

Section 101.78 Initial registration, statement of expenditures and financial transactions to be public.

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(A) The joint legislative ethics committee shall keep on file the statements required by sections 101.72, 101.73, and 101.74 of the Revised Code. Those statements are public records and open to public inspection, and the joint committee shall computerize them so that the information contained in them is readily accessible to the general public. The joint committee shall provide copies of the statements to the general public upon request and may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the cost of copying and delivering each statement.

(B) The joint committee shall prescribe and make available an appropriate form for filing the information required by sections 101.72, 101.73, and 101.74 of the Revised Code. The form shall contain the following notice in boldface type: "ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY FILES A FALSE STATEMENT IS GUILTY OF FALSIFICATION UNDER SECTION 2921.13 OF THE REVISED CODE, WHICH IS A MISDEMEANOR OF THE FIRST DEGREE."

(C) The joint committee shall publish a handbook that explains in clear and concise language sections 101.70 to 101.79 and 101.99 of the Revised Code and make it available free of charge to members of the general assembly, legislative agents, employers, and any other interested persons.

(D) Not later than the last day of February and October of each year, the joint committee shall compile from registration statements filed with it a complete and updated list of registered legislative agents and their employers and distribute the list to each member of the general assembly, each member of the controlling board who is not a member of the general assembly, and the governor. The joint committee shall provide copies of the list to the general public upon request and may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the cost of copying and delivering the list.

(E) The joint committee may adopt rules as necessary to implement sections 101.70 to 101.79 of the Revised Code, and any such rules it adopts shall be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code.