

**CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 282 of 2023**

**169.303 Definitions.**

Sec. 3.

As used in this act:

(a) "Candidate" means that term as defined in section 3 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.203.

(b) "Candidate for office" means a candidate for any of the following offices who is subject to the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 to 169.282, whose candidate committee received or expended more than \$1,000.00 during the election cycle, and who intends to appear on the ballot during the election cycle:

- (i) Governor.
- (ii) Lieutenant governor.
- (iii) Secretary of state.
- (iv) Attorney general.
- (v) State representative.
- (vi) State senator.

(c) "Consumer Price Index" means the most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn area from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(d) "Department" means the department of state.

(e) "Earned income" means salaries, wages, tips, bonuses, commissions, or other compensation or earnings from employment earned during the reporting period.

(f) "Form" means the financial disclosure form provided under section 6 and published by the department in accordance with section 11.

(g) "Liabilities" means what a person owes to another person, including, but not limited to, mortgages or other debts. For purposes of this act, a debt does not include a revolving debt, an unsecured debt that is from a financial institution or the federal government, or a debt owed by a business entity.

(h) "Report" means the financial disclosure report required under section 10 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963. The report must be in the form provided under section 6.

(i) "Reporting period" means the preceding calendar year.

(j) "Spouse" means an individual who is lawfully married to a candidate for office as described under 26 CFR 301.7701-18.

(k) "Unearned income" means income that is not earned from employment, including, but not limited to, financial prize, unemployment benefits, annuities, stock dividends, deferred compensation, pension, profit sharing, or retirement income. Unearned income does not include inheritance money or a familial gift.

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