

**Which candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (SEI)?**

Candidates at every level of government (state, county, and municipal).

**When are candidates supposed to file?**

Not more than five days after the deadline to file a declaration of candidacy as provided in Ala. Code § 17-13-5.

**What about independent candidates?**

Not more than five calendar days after the date of the first primary election.

**What about municipal candidates?**

Not more than five days after the deadline for the municipal candidate to file his or her qualifying papers with the appropriate election official.

**What happens if the SEI is not filed by a candidate?**

The candidate is deemed not qualified and “the appropriate election official shall remove the name of the candidate from the ballot.” Ala. Code § 36-25-15(c).

**What if I have already filed a current statement of economic interests by the deadline to file a declaration of candidacy?**

You are not required to file another SEI. You are required to provide proof to the Commission of your filing, and we recommend that you provide the confirmation number for that current SEI to the person with whom you are declaring your candidacy or the election official for municipal candidates. The election official or party chair will provide that confirmation number to the Ethics Commission when they submit the candidate’s name per Ala. Code § 36-25-15(b).