

This is a reminder to all utility districts that have elected commissioners. Please insure that each of your commissioners receives a copy of this notice.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST STATEMENT REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTED UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

The Comprehensive Governmental Ethics Reform Act of 2006 mandates that all candidates for local public office must file a statement of disclosure of interests with the Tennessee Ethics Commission no later than thirty days after qualifying as a candidate and must update his or her statement of disclosure of interests annually.

As defined in T.C.A. § 8-50-501(19) and T.C.A. § 2-10-102, candidates for local public office include **elected utility district commissioners**.

A candidate for election as a utility district commissioner must file the statement of disclosure **within 30 days after being nominated for office**.

All elected utility districts commissioner s must file an update to their statements of disclosure **no later than January 31 of each year as long as he or she holds office**.

Information that must be disclosed in the filing with the Tennessee Ethics Commission includes:

- Major sources of private income
- Compensated lobbying done by the candidate or any immediate family member
- Retainer fees received from entities that influenced legislation before the Tennessee General Assembly
- Whether or not the candidate has filed for bankruptcy within the last five years
- Investments in excess of \$10,000 or 5% of the total capital by the candidate or any immediate family member
- The entities to which professional services are furnished by the candidate and the candidate's spouse
- Any loans received for more than \$1,000

This requirement for filing is the responsibility of the candidate seeking office and the elected official and is not the responsibility of the utility district. Failure to file after receiving a notice of a violation from the Tennessee Ethics Commission can result in a civil penalty in an amount up to \$10,000 to the individual.

The following link <http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/conflict/> is the Tennessee Ethic Commission website where the statement of interest must be filed on line.

Utility Districts with Elected Board Members:

Bedford County UD	Bedford County
Belvidere UD	Franklin County
Castilian Springs-Bethpage UD	Sumner County
Center Grove-Winchester Springs UD	Franklin County
First UD of Carter	Carter County
First UD of Hardin	Hardin County
Huntsville UD	Scott County
Citizen Gas UD	Scott and Morgan
Sewanee UD	Franklin County
West Cumberland UD	Cumberland County