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SENATE BILL 1218
Select Committee on Government and Election Reform Committee Substitute
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Short Title: Candidate Felony Disclosure.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES TO DISCLOSE FELONY
3 CONVICTIONS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-106 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(a1) Disclosure of Felony Conviction. – Within 10 days after the candidate files
7 notice of candidacy under this section, the candidate shall file with the same office a
8 notarized statement answering the following question: "Have you ever been convicted
9 of a felony?" The State Board of Elections shall prepare a form to implement this
10 section. The form shall require a candidate who answers "yes" to the question to provide
11 the name of the offense, the date of conviction, and the county and state of conviction.
12 The form shall require the candidate to swear or affirm that the statements on the form
13 are true, correct, and complete to the best of the candidate's knowledge or belief. The
14 form shall be available as a public record in the office of the board of elections where
15 the candidate files notice of candidacy. This subsection shall also apply to individuals
16 who become candidates for election by the people under G.S. 163-114, 163-122,
17 163-123, 163-98, Article 24 of Chapter 163, 115C-37, 130A-50, or any other statute or
18 local act. Those individuals shall file the affidavit at the same times and places as
19 individuals becoming candidates file Statements of Economic Interest under
20 G.S. 138A-22(d). For candidates not specified in G.S. 138A-22(d), that candidate shall
21 file the disclosure within three days of declaring his or her candidacy. This subsection
22 shall not apply to candidates required by G.S. 138A-22(d) to file Statements of
23 Economic Interest."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2008.