

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend Supreme Court Rule XXXIX,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. Section 1 is hereby deleted and amended to read as follows:

- A. All elected judges, except for justices of the peace, shall annually file a financial statement as provided in this rule. Judges shall file financial statements in accordance with Section 2.

For purposes of this Rule, the word “individual” or “person” means the judge who is required to file a financial statement.

2. Section 3 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

3. Section 4 is hereby renumbered as Section 3, and is further amended as follows:

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If the judge filed a written answer contesting the allegations prior to the deadline contained in the notice of delinquency, or prior to the deadline for filing an answer to a complaint,

penalties shall be assessed from the date the Commission recommended the imposition of civil penalties.

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G. (1) The Office of the Judicial Administrator, Supreme Court of Louisiana, shall post on its website on the Internet a list of all judges who have failed to file, or failed to timely file, or failed to provide omitted information, or failed to provide accurate information as required by this Rule.

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H. If a person who is required to disclose information required by Section 2 of this Rule discovers an error or inaccuracy in the information he or she disclosed and files an amendment to such disclosure correcting such error or inaccuracy prior to the receipt of a notice of delinquency, no penalties shall be assessed against the person, and the Office of the Judicial Administrator shall supplement the initial disclosure with the amendment thereto in the official records of the Office of the Judicial Administrator.

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4. Section 5 is hereby renumbered as Section 4.

5. Section 6 is hereby renumbered as Section 5, and is amended to read as follows:

The Office of the Judicial Administrator, Supreme Court of Louisiana, shall promulgate the forms required by this Rule.

6. Sections 7, 8 and the transitional provisions regarding effective dates are hereby deleted in their entirety.

This rule change shall become effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Orders of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of February, 2014.

FOR THE COURT:

Bernette Joshua Johnson, Chief Justice