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FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission (the Commission), under the authority vested in it under the Political Reform Act (the Act)¹ by Section 83112 of the Government Code, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations. The Commission will consider the proposed regulation at a public hearing on or after **MARCH 20, 2025**, at the offices of the Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California, commencing at approximately **10:00 a.m.** Written comments should be received at the Commission offices no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **MARCH 18, 2025**.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW:

Section 87203 of the Political Reform Act (“the Act”) requires designated public officials to file an annual Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) disclosing the official’s investments, interests in real property, and income. The annual filing deadline is specified by Commission Regulations 18723 and 18730, and typically falls on either March 1 or April 1 each year, depending on the office held by the filer.

Commission staff has identified an ongoing need for greater flexibility to timely extend the annual filing deadline in response to emergency situations such as the recent wildfires in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Currently, the filing deadline can only be extended by amending existing regulation through the normal notice process or via adoption of emergency regulation pursuant to Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18312(c)(3). The Commission previously made use of this emergency authority to extend the Form 700 filing deadline in response to the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, when it adopted the previous Regulation 18720 (repealed 2020).

Proposed Regulation 18720 is intended to guide extensions of the filing deadline either on an ongoing basis or as a one-time extension applicable to officials affected by recent wildfires.

REGULATORY ACTION:

Adopt 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18720

The Commission will consider adopting Regulation 18720. The Commission may consider any proposals relating to the extension of the filing deadline including, but not limited to, regulatory language:

- Permitting the Chair of the Fair Political Practices Commission, at the Chair’s discretion and in response to an emergency situation, to extend the deadline for any

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

public official who is required to file an annual Statement of Economic Interests under Regulation 18723 or 18730.

- Defining “emergency situation.”
- Granting a one-time extension to the 2024 Annual Form 700 filing deadline (currently set for April 1, 2025, for most filers) for filers affected by recent wildfires, and particularly those filers with a principal residence, office location or Form 700 filing office in Los Angeles or Ventura counties.

SCOPE: The Commission may adopt the language noticed herein, or it may choose new language to implement its decisions concerning the issue identified above or any related issue.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

<u>Fiscal Impact on Local Government.</u>	None.
<u>Fiscal Impact on State Government.</u>	None.
<u>Fiscal Impact on Federal Funding of State Programs.</u>	None.

AUTHORITY: Section 83112, Government Code provides that the Fair Political Practices Commission may adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act.

REFERENCE: The purpose of this regulation is to implement, interpret, and make specific Government Code Section 87203.

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