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Short Title: Candidate Felony Disclosure.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES TO DISCLOSE FELONY  
CONVICTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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