

trust, within the meaning of this subsection, does not include a common trust fund or a trust which forms part of a pension or profit-sharing plan which has more than 25 participants and which has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a qualified trust under §§ 401 and 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

#### 4-105. Judges and candidates for judgeships.

(a) The Court of Appeals of Maryland shall, pursuant to its administrative authority over the judicial branch of the government of the State of Maryland in accordance with Article 4, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maryland, promulgate and administer rules and regulations designed to require the judges of the several courts of the State, whether elected or appointed, including all judges of the several orphans' courts, and masters, examiners, commissioners, auditors, and referees in the judicial branch, to periodically disclose, as public records, such relevant information concerning their financial affairs as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to promote the continued trust and confidence of the people of the State of Maryland in the integrity of the State judiciary.

(b) Each candidate for nomination for, or election to, an elected judgeship shall file at or before the same time that person's certificate of candidacy is filed, the same statement of financial interests as is required of the judges of the several courts of the State pursuant to this section for the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the certificate of candidacy is filed. A candidate for nomination for, or election to, an orphans' court judgeship shall file his statement with the appropriate local board of election supervisors; a candidate for nomination for, or election to, any other judgeship shall file his statement with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. The State Administrative Board of Election Laws and the local boards of election supervisors shall not accept any certificate of candidacy or certificate of nomination unless the required statement has been filed. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of a statement by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws or by a local board of election supervisors, the State Administrator of Election Laws or the local board shall forward the statement to the person designated by the Court of Appeals to receive the statements required to be filed by judges pursuant to this section.

(c) Copies of all statements filed pursuant to this section shall be transmitted to the Commission within 30 days of receipt by the Court of Appeals or its designee.

#### 4-106. Additional persons from whom disclosure may be required.

Additional persons holding State positions compensated in whole or in part by public funds and noncompensated