



# LAW UPDATE

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### **"FPPC" EXTENDS FORM 700 FILING DEADLINE DUE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY TO JUNE 1**

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, at its April 2, 2020 special meeting, the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC" or "Commission") voted to adopt Regulation 18720 as an emergency regulation, effective immediately upon filing. The new regulation allows a 60-day extension until June 1, 2020, for elected office holders and others required to file a 2019 annual Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). This two-month extension means the Form 700 normally due on April 1, 2020, will be accepted as timely filed until June 1, 2020. Pursuant to Commission Regulations 18723 and 18730, the extension will apply to all officials required to file Form 700 in April.

The FPPC is still encouraging filers to file as soon as they are able. Those who have access to an electronic Form 700 filing system are encouraged to take advantage of its use. If electronic filing is not available, filers can submit their Form 700 by mail

We recommend that your district's filing officer make district filers aware of this change. The emergency regulation does not appear to extend the deadline for "assuming office" statements for those newly appointed to a position required to file Form 700 nor to "leaving office" statements.

The FPPC's advice telephone line is closed until further notice. The Commission will, however, continue to timely respond to requests for advice received via email. If you have an advice question related to Form 700 filing, you may send your question to [Form700@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:Form700@fppc.ca.gov). If you do not have access to email, you may call and leave a message at 916-322-1052; however, responses from that line may be delayed.

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