

**BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**Lester Jackson**

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**CASE NO.**

**PC2008-0008**

**CONSENT ORDER**

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission (Commission), pursuant to a Probable Cause investigation alleging violations of the Ethics in Government Act (Act). Lester Jackson (Respondent) waived his right to a preliminary hearing and now agrees to resolve this matter by way of Consent Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Respondent was the State Representative for District 161 and is the State Senator for District 2. Respondent admits that he committed the following violations of the Ethics in Government Act.

First, Respondent has not filed copies of his State Representative-related Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report (CCDRs) with Chatham County for June 30 and December 31, 2008.

Second, at the time of the opening of the probable cause investigation, Respondent owed \$475 in late filing fees. Respondent paid these late fees on February 17, 2008, but has since accumulated another \$150 in late fees.

**CONCLUSION**

Respondent's failures to file copies of his June 30 and December 31, 2008 CCDRs with his local filing officer are violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(a)(1)(2008) (the requirement to file copies of CCDRs with local filing officers was removed from the Act by S.B. 168, effective April 2009).

The late fees described above were assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

**SANCTION**

Respondent is hereby ordered to pay a total civil penalty of \$250 to the Commission. The civil penalty must be paid out of Respondent's personal funds and not those of his campaign. All checks must be made out to the "State Ethics Commission." In addition, Respondent shall pay all outstanding late fees within 30 days of the date of this Consent Order. Respondent is further ordered to cease and desist from any and all actions that violate the Act.

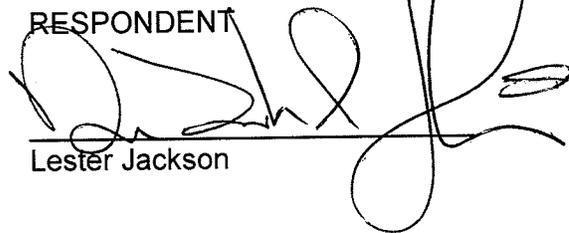
Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of fact are true, agrees to the conclusions of law, and further agrees to abide by all terms thereof. By signing this Order Respondent waives any right to an appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in O.C.G.A. § 50-13 et seq. Failure to comply with the terms herein absent good faith attempts to comply will constitute a willful and knowing violation of said terms by the Respondent. Respondent's failure to comply with the terms herein shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorize the Commission to seek an enforcement action against the Respondent. The parties agree that all costs and attorney fees incurred by the Commission in an enforcement action shall be assessed against the Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C).

The Commission adopts the foregoing statements and conclusions as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.

Signatures attested to on this 1<sup>st</sup> day  
of OCTOBER, 2009.

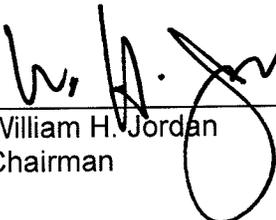
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KENNETH ALSTON  
Notary Public, Fulton County, GA  
My Commission Expires April 19, 2011

RESPONDENT

  
Lester Jackson

SO ORDERED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By:   
William H. Jordan  
Chairman

Prepared by:   
Tom Plank  
Commission Attorney