#### MINUTES

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS July 18-19, 1977

#### Members Present

Senator Paul Burke, Chairperson
Representative Norman Justice, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Frank Smith
Representative Ward Ferguson
Representative Francis Gordon
Representative Glee Jones
Representative John Modrein
Representative Belva Ott
Representative Richard Schmidt

#### Staff Present

Myrta Anderson, Kansas Legislative Research Department Julie Mundy, Legislative Fiscal Staff Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statute's Office

### Conferees and Others Present

Lynn Hellebust, Governmental Ethics Commission
LaVina McDonald, Secretary of State's Office
Mary Ritter, Secretary of State's Office
Gary Caruthers, Kansas Medical Society, Topeka
Debby Schmidt, Governor's Office
Pat Storey, Governor's Office
Mike Hrynewich, Kansas Savings and Loan League
Jim Turner, Kansas Savings and Loan League
Roger Myers, Topeka Daily Capital
Lew Ferguson, Associated Press
Jack Swartz, Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry
Thos. H. Hart, Sr., Lawrence, Kansas
Cindy Schespner, WREN
Carl Schmitthenner, Kansas Dental Society, Topeka

#### July 18, 1977

### Proposal No. 15 and 16 - Conflict of Interest Legislation

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and stated that the first item of business would be a staff review of conflict of interest legislation. The staff of the Legislative Research Department then presented a memorandum, which included a general background statement of conflict of interest legislation, an example of the legislation in the State of Washington, a summary of four model bills, a summary of conflict of interest legislation in other states, and a summary of local and state conflict of interest legislation of Kansas. (See Attachment I.)

The first general Kansas conflict of interest law was enacted in 1967. That law was repealed in 1970 and replaced with the present language. The present law was modified in 1974 to apply only to local government. State officials and employees are now covered by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-215 et seq.

In addition, charts were presented by the staff of the Legislative Research Department indicating coverage of conflict of interest legislation in the states, financial disclosure provisions, standards of conduct provisions, penalties to be imposed for violation of Code of Ethics, public access to financial disclosure statements, advisory opinions, and organization of state ethics boards and commissions of selected states. (See Attachment II.) Committee discussion followed.

Lynn Hellebust, Executive Director, Governmental Ethics Commission then presented a summary of Kansas conflict of interest law and the major policy questions to be evaluated when considering possible statutory change. The summary included financial disclosure, standards of conduct, and penalties. (See Attachment III.) Committee discussion followed. In response to a question, Mr. Hellebust stated that the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission is currently considering whether or not there is a violation of the Kansas conflict of interest law by a member of the Local Housing Authority Board in Wichita. The Kansas conflict of interest law states that members of city boards must either make full disclosure of their substantial financial interests or file reports before voting on matters that affect their business interests. After further Committee discussion, the Chairman adjourned the Committee meeting for lunch.

### Afternoon Session

### Proposal No. 15 - Governmental Ethics Commission

The Chairman called on Lynn Hellebust, Executive Director, Governmental Ethics Commission to give a summary of the annual report and recommendations of the Governmental Ethics Commission to the 1977 Legislative Session and a summary of H.B. 2575 which contained the Commission's recommended changes relating to conflict of interest. (See Attachment IV and Attachment V.)

Mr. Hellebust then reviewed each of the suggested changes made by the Commission, indicating the section covered in H.B. 2575, and the reasons why the Commission was recommending a change in the statute. (See Attachment V.) Committee discussion followed.

Chairman Burke then called on Thos. H. Hart, Sr., Lawrence who had asked to appear before the Committee to testify on Proposal No. 15 - The Governmental Ethics Commission. Mr. Hart presented a petition to the Committee which was addressed to the Governor, Attorney General and Legislature of the State of Kansas. (See Attachment VI.) The petition stated that the Governmental Ethics Commission had exceeded its authority and should be investigated and abolished for allegedly violating constitutional rights of candidates and public officials.

Chairman Burke accepted the petition with a statement indicating the charge to the Committee on Proposal 15, "a study of the activities, statutory authority, rules and regulations and operations of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission" was broad enough to consider such a request.

Mr. Hellebust then resumed his summary of Commission recommendations. Committee discussion followed. Chairman Burke then suggested that one of the policy questions to be determined by the Committee was the question of the difference in penalty provisions of the state level conflict of interest statute (K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-274, Class B misdemeanor) and the local conflict of interest statute (K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 75-4306, Class A misdemeanor.) Committee discussion followed. Representative Ferguson then moved that the penalty be uniform for violation of both statutes and that the penalty be an unclassified misdemeanor (the maximum fine to be \$1,000, the minimum fine \$100). Representative Schmidt seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion followed. Motion failed. Representative Ferguson then moved that the penalty be uniform for violation of both statutes and that the penalty be a Class B misdemeanor (six months sentence and/or \$1,000 fine). Representative Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Justice then moved a conceptual motion that a bill be drafted to delete the provision that an elected state officer cannot receive appointments to a state office which was created by law during the last term for which such person had been elected. This would, in effect, conceptually repeal K.S.A. 46-234. Representative Ott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Following Committee discussion, the meeting adjourned.

#### July 19, 1977

### Proposal Nos. 15 and 16 - Conflict of Interest Legislation

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He directed the Committee's attention to H.B. 2575 which contained the Governmental Ethics Commission's recommended changes relating to conflict of interest. He stated that the Committee procedure would be to go over every section and determine what sections would be recommended for passage. (See Attachment IV.)

Following Committee discussion on Section 1, Representative Ferguson moved to delete the word "general", line 32, and to delete all language following the word, "agency", in lines 33 and 34. Representative Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Section 2, page 2. Senator Smith moved to delete the language in lines 68 through line 75. Representative Modrcin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Section 3. Representative Schmidt made the motion to accept the changes recommended. Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. After further Committee discussion concerning the fiscal impact of this action, etc., it was decided to pass over the section until Mr. Hellebust could check again with the Commission to determine the current recommendations.

Section 4. Representative Jones moved that the changes recommended in Section 4 be accepted. Representative Modrein seconded the motion. Committee discussion followed. During Committee discussion the suggestion was made to change the wording in lines 161-163, page 5, to exclude all teachers from filing including those under the State Board of Regents, those under the State Board of Education, Department of Corrections, SRS, etc.

Discussion then followed on the language in lines 164-165, page 5. Representative Jones moved to change the language in line 164-165 to except those individuals appointed to advisory boards and commissions. Representative Modrcin seconded the motion. The Chairman reminded the Committee that a previous motion on Section 4, relating to lines 161-163 was still before the Committee. Representative Jones withdrew her previous motion. Representative Modrcin withdrew his second. The vote was then taken on the motion pertaining to a language change in lines 164-165, page 5, Section 4. Motion carried.

Committee discussion then returned to the topic of exclusion of teachers, Section 4, lines 161-163, page 5. The decision was made to have the Revisor's Office check to see just what teachers would be excluded under the recommended change and to delay a decision until this research was reported on.

Section 5. Representative Jones moved to accept the language changes in Section 5, lines 199-200, page 6. Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. The decision was made to delay action on the other suggested changes in Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 until Mr. Hellebust could check with the Governmental Ethics Commission to determine the current recommendation as to where the original of reports and statements required by the Campaign Finance Act, Conflict of Interest Statutes, and Regulation of Lobbying be filed and which office should publish opinions.

Section 9. Representative Ott moved to accept the changes recommended in Section 9. Representative Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Section 10. Decision made to pass over changes in lines 269, 288, 290, 299 and 300. Senator Smith moved that the other language changes in Section 10 be accepted. Representative Modrcin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Section'11. The decision was made to pass over Section 11.

Section 12. The decision was made to pass over changes in Section 12, line 330, page 9. Representative Jones moved to accept the changes in Section 12, subsection (a), page 9. Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Schmidt moved to change "three days" to "ten (10) days" in Section 12, subsection (b) line 354. Representative Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Smith moved to accept the changes in Section 12, subsection (b), page 10. Representative Modrcin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Ott moved to accept the changes in Section 12, subsection (c), page 10. Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Committee discussion followed on language in subsection (c) pertaining to the person to be held responsible for accuracy of the lobby report, the reporting lobbyist (person filing the report) or the lobbyist making out the individual report. Representative Ott made a conceptual motion to change the language in Section 12, subsection (c) to include the provision that the reporting lobbyist not be held responsible for fraudulent information given to the reporting lobbyist. (Giving false lobbying information is defined and classified as a crime in K.S.A. 46-275.) Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Section 12, subsection (d), page 10, the decision was made to pass over this subsection.

Section 13, subsection (1), lines 379-384. The motion was made by Representative Jones to accept the changes in this section. Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Section 13, subsection 2, lines 385-403, Representative Justice moved not to accept the changes recommended in subsection 2. Representative Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Committee discussion followed.

Section 12. Representative Gordon then moved to reconsider the Committee's previous action on Section 12, subsection (b) lines 342-356 and to strike this subsection. Representative Justice seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Schmidt moved that the previous Committee action on Section 12, subsection (a) be reconsidered and the language in Section 12, subsection (a), lines 338-341 be reinserted. Representative Ott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Section 13. Senator Smith moved that the changes in Section 13, subsection (3), lines 404-414, page 11 and Section 13, subsection (b), (c), and (d), lines 415-434 be accepted. Representative Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Section 14. The decision was made to pass over this section.

Section 15. Representative Jones made the motion to accept the suggested changes in Section 15. Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Section 16. Representative Jones moved that the suggested changes in Section 16 be accepted. Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Section 17. The decision was made to pass over this section until the decisions were made on rules and regulations pertaining to this section. (See Rules and Regulations 19-60-3, Definitions. (c) (iii) and (iv).)

New Section 18. Senator Smith moved to accept the changes in New Section 18 and to incorporate this definition of gift in the Rules and Regulations. (See Rules and Regulations 19-60-3 (d) gift, page 59). Representative Modrain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Section 19. Representative Ferguson moved that the sentence, lines 513-514 read as follows: "Such report or statement shall be filed within 10 days after receipt of notice sent by the Commission and a copy of the notice of the failure to file shall be part of the public record." Representative Justice seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Ferguson then moved that New Section 19 be accepted as amended. Representative Ott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Section 20. Senator Smith moved that the suggested changes in Section 20 be accepted. Representative Modrain seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Smith then made a conceptual motion that the suggested terminology changes in Section 20 be incorporated into the state conflict of interest law. Representative Ott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sections 21-27. Chairman Burke stated that Sections 21 through 27 refer to conflict of interest provisions on the local level and that the policy question to be considered was whether or not the state should impose such conflict of interest provisions on the local units of government. The alternatives are to repeal the existing section relating to local conflict of interest (K.S.A. 75-4301 to 75-4306) or to leave the statutes as they are now. Following Committee discussion the decision was made to delay a decision on these sections until the next meeting (August 17-18).

Representative Ott then moved to accept the changes approved by the Committee on H.B. 2575. Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Burke then called on the staff of the Revisor's Office to review the proposed draft legislation. The Revisor's staff then summarized two proposed bills 7 RS 1556, (Attachment VII) an act relating to the ethical conduct of certain persons in relation to state government amending K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 46-226 and repealing the existing section and 7RS 1556-1, (Attachment VIII) an act relating to ethical conduct of certain persons in relation to state government; amending K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 46-239 and 46-240 and repealing the existing sections.

Committee discussion followed. Representative Ferguson then moved to accept proposed Bill No. 7RS 1556-1 (Attachment VIII). Representative Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Revisor's staff then reviewed proposed bill draft 7 RS 1559, (Attachment IX) an act relating to conflict of interest; amending K.S.A. 75-4306 and repealing the existing section. During Committee discussion the suggestion was made to change the language in line 4 to "any person who knowingly and intentionally fails" and in line 6 to "Class B misdemeanor." Representative Justice moved to accept the proposed bill draft of 7 RS 1559 (Attachment IX) with the recommended changes. Representative Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Revisor's staff then reviewed proposed bill draft 7 RS 1560, (Attachment X) an act supplementing the campaign finance act; concerning certain expenditures by party committees. Committee discussion followed. The discussion was made to postpone a decision on proposed bill draft 7 RS 1560 (Attachment X) until staff could check with the Governmental Ethics Commission's staff concerning an interpretation of the language "in a substantially equal manner."

Representative Ferguson moved to amend the minutes of June 6-7 as follows: page 1, members present include Representative Norman Justice, Vice Chairperson and Representative Ward Ferguson; page 3, line 24, change "objectives" to "objections"; page 7, line 24, change "included" to "excepted". Senator Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Justice then moved to accept the minutes of June 6-7 as amended. Representative Modrcin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Committee then set the dates of October 25 and 26 for the October meeting dates and November 14 and 15 for the November meeting dates. Representative Jones said she would be unable to attend the November meeting.

The Chairman then stated the agenda for the August 17-18 meeting would include: a final review of the Rules and Regulations of the Governmental Ethics Commission, Committee consideration of H.C.R. 5026, Committee consideration of H.B. 2575, consideration of other legislation proposed relating to Proposal No. 16 - Campaign Finance Act, and the draft legislation proposed during Committee discussions relating to Proposals 15 and 16. The meeting was then adjourned.

Prepared by Myrta Anderson

Approved by Committee on:

August 17,1977 Date

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### MEMORANDUM

July 8, 1977

TO: Special Committee on Elections

FROM: Kansas Legislative Research Department

RE: Conflict of Interest Legislation

For elected officials there is often little or no compensation for public service. Therefore, such citizen-officials are normally not expected to divest themselves of all private interests. Similarly, full-time public employees are often confronted with ambiguous situations where the public interest is not readily identifiable. Consequently, ethics and disclosure laws are adopted as a means of assuring that public officials and employees put the public interest separate from and ahead of private matters.

Recent ethics legislation seeks to elevate the standards of public service in at least four ways by:

- Specifying acts which are prohibited by public officials;
- Enunciating codes of ethics applicable to public servants;
- 3. Requiring procedures to prevent action involving conflicts or at least to attain a more objective review of the situation; and
- 4. Compelling public disclosure of financial interests.

Various states handle ethics and conflict of interest situations differently. Some states include appointed officials, others only elected officials. Some states include all elected officials and candidates; others only a few at the state level. Others include some employees.

The degree of disclosure of financial interest required varies. Some states include disclosure of what the official perceives to be an interest of potential conflict. Others require detailed, in-depth disclosure of all substantial interests as determined by a threshhold. Some states require reports to be public documents. In others they are private. Some states have an independent commission to administer the law. Others have separate bodies for each branch of government.

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In addition to having a conflict of interest law on the books, a means of assuring compliance appears to be a necessary ingredient. Administration and enforcement of ethics laws and conflict of interest laws are considered to be more effective under a system of shared responsibilities. An administrative body can review reports for surface completeness and accuracy.

### The Example of Washington

The State of Washington has, for example, an executive conflict of interest act (passed in 1969) which agency heads must enforce. There is a provision of law relating to misconduct of public officers, and there is a code of ethics for public officials (passed in 1969) which contains limited disclosure requirements. The code of ethics for municipal officers is limited to "contract interests." For the judicial branch there is a code of judicial conduct. For legislators, the legislative rule and ethics committees consider questions of compliance with those rules.

Washington's public disclosure act, passed in 1972, requires disclosure of financial affairs, campaign financing, and lobbying expenditures. The financial affairs provision covers nearly all elected officials. A referendum added about 425 appointed officials at the state level (agency heads, regents, commission members). The law is administered by the five-member public disclosure commission with its staff of 12.

The courts have emphasized that this kind of legislation cannot be overly broad, vague, or irrelevant. The Washington State Supreme Court, in upholding the constitutionality of the disclosure law, said the law:

"seeks to enlarge the information based upon which the electorate makes its decisions. The right of the electorate to know most certainly is no less fundamental than the right of privacy. When the right of the people to be informed does not intrude upon intimate personal matters which are unrelated to fitness for public office...the candidate or officeholder may not complain that his own privacy is paramount to the interests of the people."

Washington's laws gives the public disclosure commission the authority to suspend or modify the reporting requirements if, in a particular case, literal application of the law causes a "manifestly unreasonable hardship" for the reporting candidate or official and if a modification "would not frustrate the purposes of the act." This rather unusual power has been characterized as a "safety valve." There is no doubt that it has made the law workable. It has enabled the

commission to be human, to recognize and allow for individual differences.

Initially many candidates and elected officials said the disclosure law was passed to punish the sins of a few. Some still cling to that belief but the resistance is disappearing and there is some feeling that the law might even have a few positive features. Disclosure has given individuals an opportunity to demonstrate through a document they certify to be accurate that their actions as public officials cannot be misconstrued or seen as anything other than for the public good. Through full disclosure of financial affairs they can show that they have no ulterior motive, to secure special benefits for themselves or for anyone with whom they are financially involved.

Disclosure can be a protection for an elected official, too. A person with whom an official is linked financially may seek to use that relationship for his or her gain. It is one thing to have a law on the books, but it is something else to find anything being done about it.

A study done of 70 Pudget Sound area school directors' indicated reasons for leaving public office. For 61 percent of them "loss of privacy" (disclosure) was at the bottom of the list. The time requirements, pressure of complex problems, health, and family considerations ranked higher.

Political scandals at all levels of government have triggered legislation to strengthen codes of ethics, require personal financial disclosures and create independent enforcement commissions. Thirty-eight states now require some form of financial disclosure by public officials. Twenty-one of the state laws require local as well as state officials to file financial disclosure statements.

The Washington state financial disclosure laws require fairly extensive disclosure provisions. State and local elected officials are required to disclose for themselves and their families living in the household: major financial interests, creditors, sources of compensation of \$500 or more, real property, and sources of compensation and real property of businesses in which the official or family holds an ownership of ten percent or more.

In upholding the extensive disclosure requirements of the Washington initiative, the Supreme Court of Washington balanced two valued and conflicting societal interests and found:

"The right of the electorate to know most certainly is no less fundamental than the right of privacy. When the right of the people to be informed does not intrude upon intimate personal matters which are unrelated to fitness for public office, the candidate or officeholder may not complain that his own privacy is paramount to the interests of the people."

The United States Supreme Court declined to review 1972 decision by the Supreme Court of Illinois upholding that nia found California's 1969 law unconstitutional but recently Court of Appeals upheld a county ordinance requiring broad financial disclosure.

Twenty-five states have independent ethics commissions. Twenty-one have been created since 1973. One of the strongest of these commissions is the California Fair Practices Commission which was established in 1976. The five-member commission has a one-million dollar-a-year budget, subpoena power, and the authority to issue cease and desist orders and levy civil fines.

### Model Bills

There are currently four model bills which have been developed on conflict of interest -- by the National Conference on State Legislatures, the Council of State Governments, Common Cause, and the National Municipal League.

The Committee on Legislative Ethics and Campaign Financing of the National Conference on State Legislatures (NCSL) by the Committee on Suggested State Legislation and printed in tion. (See copy in notebooks.)

The NCSL Act applies to state and local elected and top appointed officials and employees. It establishes certain restricted activities, including a prohibition against representation of a person for compensation before any governmental body and non-ministerial matter. The act requires broad financial disclosure, including sources of income in excess of \$1,000. The act establishes an ethics commission with subpoena power and provides criminal penalties.

The Council of State Governments' Model Act (see copy in notebook) consists of 12 recommendations which include those aspects of conflict of interest which the Committee felt should be written into law. This Model Act recognizes that conflict of interest legislation may differ from the codes of ethics adopted by legislatures which may go further than the provisions of the Model Act. In the Model Act, conflict of interest regulations apply to state and local public officials, including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.

The Common Cause Model Act is based on the assumption that only strong conflict of interest legislation and its vigorous enforcement can dispel common suspicions that cronyism and corruption are necessary costs of the democratic system. The Common Cause Model Act is also based on the assumption that our complex society presents many opportunities for public officials to benefit at the expense of the public and that there are officials who have and will succumb to such temptations.

The Common Cause Model Conflict of Interest Act establishes a simple principle: "The legislature hereby declares that public office is a public trust and that any effort to realize personal financial gain through public office, is a violation of that trust." The Common Cause Model Act includes several restricted activities and provides a preventive procedure to be used in conflict of interest situations. The Model Act suggests procedures for handling conflict of interest situations and concludes that nothing short of mandatory, periodic and detailed disclosure of personal finances by public officials will permit citizens to determine whether public officials act in the public or private interest.

The National Municipal League's Model Conflict of Interest Act was developed as a major part of the League's Ethics Project. The League's Model Act consists of 15 sections and is still in the draft stage. There is a section prohibiting state officials or employees from representing or assisting any person or business before any state agency or before any agency of any political subdivision of the state for contingency compensation. In addition there is a section prohibiting state officials or employees from representing or assisting others for a fee or other consideration in matters which have been involved in their work for the state. Another section requires state officials and employees to disqualify themselves from official action in conflict situations as much as possible within the limits of the legal responsibility of their position. The League's Model Act recommends two types of provisions which can be used in controlling post-service activities: restrictions on post-service contacts with the governmental agency and restrictions on the use of confidential information. League's final draft of the Model Act will probably not be available until the early part of 1978.

### General Summary - Conflict of Interest Legislation in Other States

- 1. At least 15 states have passed no legislation which prescribes conflict of interest by requiring personal finance disclosure. In some states which have passed no legislation there are legislative rules which cover conflict of interest.
- 2. Most state acts apply financial disclosure requirements to both public officials and candidates for public office. Minnesota, North Carolina, and North Dakota, in addition, specifically mention nominees for appointive public office in their statutes. The laws of Alabama and Kansas, unlike the NCSL bill apply the disclosure requirements to all state employees earning over \$15,000 per year.
- 3. Although specific language differs, many states require the same basic information in their disclosure reports. Both the source and the amount of income and the names of business interests are almost always required. The kind and amount of stock and description of real property owned are also frequently cited disclosure information. Other states -- including Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Washington, and Wisconsin -- require officials or candidates to list their creditors. A few states require other information. California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Maryland, and Texas are examples of states that require the listing of gifts over a specified amount.
- 4. Few state statutes contain the general conflict of interest prohibitions included in the NCSL bill. The prohibition against a public official's representation of another person before a governmental body (Section 4) is found in the Utah and Florida statutes. Arizona, Alabama, Utah, and Wisconsin specifically prohibit a public official from using confidential information to further his own financial interests. Minnesota, Maine, and Wisconsin are examples of states which disqualify public officials with a financial interest in a decision from participating in that decision. In Connecticut, Oregon, and Maryland legislators may vote despite a conflict of interest if they publicly state that they are convinced that they can vote objectively.

- 5. Ethics commissions administer conflict of interest laws in about 25 states, but these include over 60 percent of those states which passed conflict of interest legislation. Secretaries of State are given the responsibility in most of the others with disclosure laws.
- 6. Penalties for violation are usually strong. Alabama, for example, requires a fine of not more than \$10,000 plus imprisonment. States with less severe fines include Arkansas (\$50 to \$500) and Rhode Island (not more than \$500). Several states, including Florida, Minnesota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, and Utah, mandate that violators should be removed from office or from the ballot.

### Kansas

The first general Kansas conflict of interest law was enacted in 1967. That law was repealed in 1970 and replaced with the present language. The present law was modified in 1974 to apply only to local government. State officials and employees are now covered by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-215 et seq. A summary of the law is as follows:

- 75-4301 The following words and terms are defined in the definition section: substantial interest, business, public office, public officer, public employee, municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, contracts, acts.
- 75-4302 This section provides for disclosure of substantial interest by all individuals holding elected <u>local</u> office, candidates for such office, and by anyone appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected office.

  Changes in the disclosure information must be reported within ten (10) days.
- 75-4303a- This section provides for the Governmental Ethics Commission to render advisory opinions on the interpretation or application.
- 75-4304 This section provides that local officers and employees shall not participate, with certain statutory exceptions, in the making of a contract with anyone by whom he or she is employed or in whose business he or she has a substantial economic interest. This provision does not apply to contracts let after competitive bidding or contracts for property or services for which the price or rate is fixed by law. Any public officer or employee who is convicted of violating this section shall forfeit his office or employment.

- 75-4305 This section provides that any local officer or employee who has not filed a Disclosure of Substantial Interests Statement, and who, while acting in his or her official capacity, shall pass upon any matter which will affect any business in which he or she holds a substantial economic interest, shall, before acting file a written statement of the nature of said interest with the county clerk. In the alternative, the local officer or employee may abstain from any action.
- 75-4306 This section provides that any person who violates K.S.A. 75-4304 or 4305, and any person who fails to make any disclosure of substantial interest required by law shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

The following information is taken from a Conflict of Interest Fact Sheet for State Employees distributed by the Governmental Ethics Commission.

### What Can A State Employee Not Do?

Among other things, the statutes provide that state officers or employees (not including the judicial branch) cannot:

- 1. Engage in lobbying his or her own state agency for pay. (46-232)
- 2. Participate, with certain statutory exceptions, in the making of a contract with anyone by whom he or she is employed or in whose business he or she has a substantial economic interest; or accept employment with any person for one year following termination of employment with the state if, while employed by the state, he or she participated in the making of a contract with that person during the two years preceding termination. (46-233)
- 3. Accept compensation for performance of official duties, other than that to which he or she is entitled for such performance. (46-235)
- 4. Solicit anything of value from a person with a special interest if he or she knows or should know the purpose of the donor could be to influence him or her. (46-236)
- 5. Accept during a calendar year anything of value aggregating more than \$100, with the exception of hospitality in the form of food and beverage, from a person with a special interest if he or she knows or should know the purpose of the donor is to influence him or her. (46-237)

- 6. Accept from any person with a special interest compensation for property or services in excess of that charged in the ordinary course of business. (46-238)
- 7. Use confidential information acquired in the course of official duties in order to further his or her own economic interest or that of another. (46-241)
- 8. Represent any person or entity in certain matters before a state agency for compensation, without first filing a Representative Case Disclosure Statement indicating the name of the person being represented and the purpose of the representation. (46-239)
- 9. 46-234 restriction on appointment of elected state officers.
- 10. 46-240 and 242 restrictions on acceptance of representative cases.

# Who Must File A Statement of Substantial Interest?

Statements of Substantial Interest, which will be distributed through each state agency or which may be obtained from the Governmental Ehtics Commission, must be filed by the following officers and employees:

- 1. Legislators and legislative candidates.
- 2. Individuals holding an elective office in the executive branch and candidates for such office.
- 3. State officers and employees receiving compensation from the state at the rate of \$15,000 or more per year as of January 31. However, unclassified "state officers and employees" of institutions under the State Board of Regents whose principal duties are teaching do not have to file.
- 4. Individuals whose appointment to office is subject to confirmation by the Senate.

### What Is The Penalty For Violating The Statute?

Intentional violation of the statute is a class B misdemeanor and also subjects an officer or employee to possible censure or removal from office or position of employment.

### Who May File A Complaint?

Anyone believing that a violation has occurred may file a complaint with the Governmental Ethics Commission. Such complaints remain confidential during the commission's investigation and are resolved in a public hearing if the commission concludes that there was probable cause to believe that a violation did in fact occur.

### What Are the Commission's General Powers?

The Governmental Ethics Commission is charged with administration of the statutes including the investigation and hearing of complaints. Investigations are conducted in response to complaints or upon the Commission's own initiative. Finally, the Commission renders advisory opinions in writing on questions concerning the interpretation of the statutes.

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Minnesota	008	Yes	Some	Yes	No	Yes	Some	Yes	No	Also district judges.
Nebraska	7,000	Yes	Some	Some	Some	Yes	No .	No	No	
Ne vada	408	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Nev. Supreme Court found code unconstitutional.
New Jersey		No	No	Cov.	Some	Yes	No	No	No	Code of Ethics by Executive Order,
New York		No	No	V	Some	Some	No.	No.	No	Code of Ethios by Executive Order.
Ohio		No	No	Yes	Some	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Judiciary has its own code, Legislature has its own
Oregon		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No.	Yes	Judiciary has its own code.
Ponnsylvania		No	No	No	Yes	Some	No		No	Code of Ethics by Executive Order.
South Carolina	No. and	No	w 40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No.	Yes	Candidates must file but not present members of th.
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Washington	6,900	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Some	Yes	Yes	Some	
Wisconsin !	850	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some	Some	Yes	No	No	State employes identified in s. 20.923, Wis. Stats.
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NOTE: State employes in Alabama, Illinois, Kansas, and New York are subject to the code of ethics if their yearly salary is \$12,000, \$20,000, \$15,000 and \$30,000 (respectively) or more.

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# FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS

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Provisions  Names, business address and immediate family of Significant Linancial interests  Cash surrender value of insurance policy  Names of creditors  Offices & directorships  Stock ownership  Real estate ownership  Sources of income	x x x x - x x - x x x x x x - x - x - x	-
Sources of income Professional services rendered Lease or rental agreements with public agencies Professional and occupational licenses held Identity of fiduciary relationship List of contracts with public agencies Gifts	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	-  x  x
Compensated representation before state agency		- x

EO-Executive Order
GEA-Government Ethics Act
EA-Ethics Act
LEA-Legislative Ethics Act
FDA-Financial Disclosure Act

- (a) Alaska and Maryland require information on mineral, oil, or timber leases.

- (c) In certain circumstances additional information on income must be given, (d) Major holdings, net worth statement, and copy of state income tax return, (e) Maryland law requires disclosure of gifts of real property of of money, including forgiveness of liability.

  (f) Texas requires every appointed officer not disclosing under financial disclosure provisions to file a statement of business interests regulated by the State.

### STANDARDS OF CONDUCT PROVISIONS

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a) Representation of clients before state agencies is prohibited unless a disclosure of such activity is made in writing to the Ethics Board.

b) Disclosure of any personal interest or possible conflict of interests must be made before any vote or official action is taken.

c) Representation of clients before specific regulatory boards or commissions is prohibited.

d) Only representation cases which are adversary in nature or other public hearing which is a matter of public record are permitted.

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Legislature has the power to discipline its own members or to impeach public officials and appointing authorities The Commission refers its findings to the Attorney General or district attorney for prosecution.

Suspension, demotion, public censure, reprimand and forfeiture of up to 1/3 of salary for up to 12 months. Disciplinary action is determined by the Governor.

The Board may recommend whatever sanction is appropriate with respect to a particular state employe as will best maintain in the minds of the public a good opinion of the conduct and character of public officials. Discipline is determined by civil service rules and procedures.

### PUBLIC ACCESS TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

icle	Administrative agency	Statements filed with	Public	Confidential
* Alabama	State, Ethics Commission	Commission	Yes	
Alaska	Alaska Public Officers Commission	Commission		64
Arizona	State Ethics Board	Secretary of State	Yes	
Arkansas	Secretary of State	Secretary of State	Yes	C-9
California	Fair Political Practices Comm.	Secretary of State	Yes	00
Colorado	Attorney General	Secretary of State and Comm.	Y'cs.	
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Delaware	Personnel Commission	Jt. Legis. Ethics Cinte.		Yes .
Florida	Ethics Commission	- Personnel Commission	44	Yes
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Illinois EO	P T. 1. P	. Clerk of Court	Yes	
	State Ethics Roard	State Ethics Board	Yes	6+
Illinois GEA	Secretary of State	Secretary of State and/or County Cleric	Yes	· (er
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Indiana	Ethics and Conflict of			
	Interest Commission	Governor's Office		
Kansas	Goy'l. Ethics Commission		Yes	60
- Montucky	Election Finance Registry	Secretary of State	Yes	40
Kentucky FDA	Finance Disclosure Commission	Elec. Finance Registry	.Yes	
Kentucky Legislative	. Manie Disclosure Commission	Commission		. Yes
Ethics	Ethics Doard			
Maine		Ethics Board	Yes.	• • • •
Maine	Legislative Ethics Committee .	Leg. Ethics Committee	Yes	64
Maryland FDA	Fin. Disclosure Advisory Bd,	Secretary of State,	•	•
	Ţ.	Adm. Board Elect. Laws(a)	Yes	•
Minnesota	State Ethics Commission	Ethics Commission -	Yes	••
New Jersey	Exec. Comm. on Ethical Standards	(b)		••
New Jersey	Legislative Ethics Crite.	Legislature	Yes	5.6
Yew York EO	Board of Public Disclosure	Dept. of State	**	Yes
orth Carolina	Legislative Ethics Committee	State Board of Elections and	Xc3	
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		Legislative Services Officer	Lc2	64
North Dakota	Secretary of State, County or	Same of the second		
	City Auditor, Attorney General	Secretary of State, County or		
Ohio	Commission on Ethics	City Auditor	Yes	
Oregon		Commission	Yes	
South Carolina	Government Ethics Commission	Commission .	Yes	
	Ethics Commission & Legislature	EC. L. Chief Justice	Yes	# ###
South Dakota	Secretary of State	Secretary of State(c).	Yes	•••
Tennessee	Secretary of State	Secretary of State	Yes	-
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Texas	Secretary of State	Secretary of State	Yes	
Virginia	Attorney General or Attorney	Attorney General or Attorney	162	€-0
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Washington	Public Disclosure Comm.	Public Disclosure Comm.	Yes	
West Virginia	Secretary of State		Yes	
	Legislative Committee	Secretary of State		
	Clerk of Supreme Court	Legislative Committee		
Wisconsin	Ethics Board	Clerk of Supreme Court	Yes	••
	Zames Deard	Ethics Board(d)	Yes	

#### Legend

EO-Executive Order

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(a) For local offices statement is filed with appropriate local Board of Election Supervisors which notifies the Secretary of State and the presiding office of whichever house is to approve the appointment of the name and date of filing.

(b) Statement must be filed with Governor's Office. Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State. Legislators must, file financial statements as well as those relating to conflict of interest with the Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate. The Executive Commission on Ethical Standards notifies the executive department or appropriate local authority and the Secretary of State of candidate's failure to file; with respect to judges, the Commission on Judicial Fitness and the Supreme Court are kified; except for judges, no compensation shall be paid until statement has been filed; Secretary of State may remove the name of the Gidate from the ballot.

(c) With county auditor for county and local offices.

(d) Candidates for election to state public office and persons hominated by the Governor for appointment to state public office and whose nominations are pending, must file statements of economic interest with the Ethics Board and the Secretary of State; other persons temporal to the such statements do so with the I thick Board.

### ADVISORY OPINIONS

State	Render Advisory Opinions	Availability
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Alabama Alaska Arizona	Yes Yes Yes	Yes <sup>]</sup> Yes Yes
California	Yes	Yes <sup>2</sup> Confidential
Connecticut	Yes Yes	Yesl
Georgia Hawaii	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Illinois	- No:	Yes
Indiana Kansas	Yes Yes	Yes3
Maryland Minnesota	Yes Yes	Yes4 Yes1
Nebraska ··	Yes	Yes <sup>4</sup> . Yes <sup>4</sup>
Nevada New Jersey	; Yes ▼ Yes	Yes
New Jersey (leg.) New York	Yes Yes	Some Yes
Ohio	Yes	Yes
Pennsylvania South Carolina	Yes Yes	Yes Yes1
Washington Wisconsin	No Yes	Confidential

- 1) Alabama, Florida, Minnesota, and South Carolina statutes authorize the respective ethics board "to issue, upon request, and publish advisory opinions . . . "
- 2) California requires all the commission's opinions to be public records.
- 3) The Kansas ethics commission must file all opinions in the office of the secretary of state, these opinions are to be open for public inspection and the secretary of state must publish and distribute the opinions monthly.
- 4) The Maryland, Nebraska, and Nevada ethics codes require that the advisory opinions be published with deletions as may be necessary to prevent disclosure of the person who requested the advice.

### STATE ETHICS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF SELECTED STATES, 1972-75

	Number of		Appoin	nied by:			
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The table includes only commissions established in legislation adopted in 1972 or later. Connecticut is included in the table because the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee has jurisdiction over members and employees of the executive department and employees of the judicial department. Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Nebraska, and New York have ethics commissions or boards established before 1972. Arkansas. Colorado, Delaware, Missouri, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia have enacted or amended conflict of interest or. financial disclosure legislation since 1972, but have no ethics commissions. The Maryland FDAB was authorized by the 1973 financial disclosure law and a 1959 law established an ethics board which is only advisory. New York has two commissions, an advisory one appointed by the Attorney General under the Public Officers Law and the other appointed by the Governor under an executive order.

(a) The Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Controller each appoints a member.

(c) This is a Joint Legislative Ethics Committee with one chairperson from the Senate and one from the House.

(f) The Secretary of State, and the Secretary and Counsel to the Governor are members of the board. The public members appointed by he Governor may not hold any public office.

(g) Public members serve during the term of the Governor.

(h) No provision.

<sup>(</sup>b) Arizona, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, North and South . Carolina are among the States which have joint or separate legislative ethics committees.

<sup>(</sup>d) Board's jurisdiction extends only to legislators and legislators-elect; the Kentucky Finance Disclosure Review Commission created by executive order in April 1975 and the Registry of Election Finance administer separate and in some instances overlapping financial

<sup>(</sup>c) The Kentucky Press Association, the Kentucky Broadcasters Association, and the Kentucky Association of Certified Public Accountants nominate three members from whom the Governor appoints one; the Governor also appoints a member from major management personnel in the executive branch and a member from the General Assembly.

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# SUMMARY OF KANSAS CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAW AND MAJOR POLICY QUESTIONS TO BE EVALUATED WHEN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE STATUTORY CHANGES

### KANSAS LAW

### POLICY QUESTIONS

### I. Financial Disclosure

#### A. Who:

- 1. State officers and employees must file if in the following categories:
  - a. Candidates
  - b. Office holders
  - c. Gubernatorial appointees subject to confirmation
  - d. Employee earning \$15,000 or more per year
  - e. Exceptions:
    - (1) Teachers under the Board of Regents
    - (2) All justices, judges and employees of the judicial branch
- Elected <u>local</u> officials and candidates for such offices must file

#### I. Financial Disclosure

- A. Who must file?
  - All state candidates, officers and employees?
    - a. Legisltaive?
      - (1) Elected?
      - (2) Officers and employees? Just certain ones, or all over \$x?
    - b. Executive?
      - (1) Elected?
      - (2) Officers and employees? Just certain ones, or all over \$x?
    - c. Judicial?
      - (1) Justices, judges and commissioners?
      - (2) Employees? Just certain ones, or all over \$x?
    - 2. All <u>local</u> candidates, officers and employees?
      - a. Cities?
        - (1) Elected officials?
        - (2) Officers and employees? Just certain ones, or all over \$x?
      - b. Counties?
        - (1) Elected officials?
        - (2) Officers and employees? Just certain ones, or all over \$x?
      - c. School districts?
        - (1) Elected officials?
        - (2) Officers and employees? Just certain ones, or all over \$x?
      - d. Other?

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### POLICY QUESTIONS

#### B. What:

- 1. Ownership of 5% or \$5000, whichever is less
- 2. Compensation of \$1000 or more
- 3. Gifts of \$500
- 4. Fees or commissions of \$1000 or more
- 5. Officer or board member of business

### C. When:

- State candidates, officers and employees:
  - Candidates when filing for office
  - b. Gubernatorial appointees - initially when names submitted to Senate and annually on January 31 thereafter
  - c. Office holders and employees - initially when employed and annually on January 31 thereafter
- 2. Local candidates, officers and employees:
  - a. Candidates when filing for office and within 10 days of any change thereafter
  - b. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in elected office - within 30 days of appointment and within 10 days of any change thereafter
  - c. Any local officer or employee not required to file under "a" or "b" above when about to pass upon a matter which will affect any business in which he or she holds an interest

- B. What is to be disclosed? Self? Immediate family?
  - 1. Ownership? What dollar level?
  - 2. Income?
    - a. What amount?
    - b. Report amount?
  - 3. Gifts?
  - 4. Fees or commissions?
  - 5. Positions as officers or directors of businesses?
- C. When?
  - 1. Annually?
  - 2. Amend if changes during vear?

#### KANSAS LAW

### II. Standards of Conduct

- A. Who is covered?
  - 1: State officers and employees:
    - a. Legislative
      - (1) Candidates
      - (2) Members
      - (3) Employees
    - b. Executive
      - (1) Candidates
      - (2) Office holders
      - (3) Employees, except for any appointed member of an advisory council, commission or board who serves without compensation other than amounts for expenses as provided in K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 75-3223(e)
    - c. Judiciary none
  - Local officers and employees all, but limited coverage.
     See only B(2) and D(2) below.

- B. Use of position:
  - 1. State officers and employees
    cannot:
    - Engage in lobbying his or her own state agency for pay
    - b. Accept compensation for performance of official duties, other than that to which he or she is entitled for such performance
    - c. Accept from any person with a special interest compensation for property or services in excess of that charged in the ordinary course of business

### POLICY QUESTIONS

### II. Standards of Conduct

- A. Are all state and local employees to be covered?
  - 1. State candidates, officers and employees?
    - a. Legislative?
      - (1) Candidates?
      - (2) Members?
      - (3) Employees?
    - b. Executive?
      - (1) Candidates?
      - (2) Office holders?
      - (3) Employees?
    - c. Judiciary?
      - (1) Justices, judges and commissioners?
      - (2) Employees?
  - 2. Local condidates, officers and employees?
    - a. Cities?
      - (1) Candidates?
      - (2) Elected officials?
      - (3) Employees?
    - b. Counties?
      - (1) Candidates?
      - (2) Elected officials?
      - (3) Employees?
    - c. School District?
      - (1) Candidates?
      - (2) Elected officials?
      - (3) Employees?
    - d. Other?
- B. Use of position to gain benefits
  - 1. Extend to local government?
  - 2. Add other provisions?

- Local officers and employees who have not filed a Disclosure of Substantial Interests Statement, and who, while acting in his or her official capacity, shall pass upon any matter which will affect any business in which he or she holds a substantial economic interest shall, before acting, file a written statement of the nature of said interest with the county clerk. In the alternative, the local officer or employee may abstain from any action.
- C. Confidential information state officers and employees cannot use confidential information acquired in the course of official duties in order to further his or her own economic interest or that of another.
- D. Leases or contracts:
  - 1. State officers and employees cannot participate, with certain statutory exceptions, in the making of a contract with anyone by whom he or she is employed or in whose business he or she has a substantial economic interest.
  - 2. Local officers and employees cannot participate, with certain statutory exceptions, in the making of a contract with anyone by whom he or she is employed or in whose business he or she has a substaneconomic interest. This provision does not apply to zoning decisions and other legislative-type matters.

- C. Use of confidential information 1. Extend to local government?
- D. Entering into a lease or contract

### KANSAS LAW

- E. Restrictions on post employment:
  - State officers and employees cannot accept employment with any person for one year following termination of employment with the state if, while employed by the state, he or she participated in the making of a contract with that person during the two years preceding termination.
  - 2. Elected state officers cannot within one year of the expiration date of his or her last term of office receive any civil appointment to a position created during the last term for which such person had been elected.
- F. Receipt or solicitation state officers and employees cannot:
  - Solicit anything of value from a person with a special interest if he or she knows or should know the purpose of the donor could be to influence him or her
  - 2. Accept during a calendar year anything of value aggregating more than \$100, with the exception of hospitality in the form of food and beverage from a person with a special interest if he or she knows or should know the purpose of the donor is to influence him or her.
- G. Representation cases state officers and employees cannot:
  - 1. Represent any person or entity in certain matters before a state agency for compensation, without first filing a Representation Case Disclosure Statement indicating the name of the person being represented and the purpose of the representation

### POLICY QUESTIONS

- E. Restrictions on post employment
  - 1. More comprehensive prohibitions?
  - 2. Extend to local government?

- F. Receipt or solicitation of gifts
  - 1. Extend prohibitions to local government?
  - 2. Prohibit all gifts over \$x from certain sources? (At a minimum, language needs to be clarified. See Annual Report and Recommendations of the Governmental Ethics Commission, December 1, 1976, pages 23-24.)
- G. Representation of clients before governmental agencies
  - Prohibit certain representations entirely?
  - 2. Extend to local government?

- Accept compensation for a representation case contingent upon result achieved except for workmen's compensation cases.
- 3. Accept a representation case where he or she knows that it is without merit and being offered with the intent to obtain influence over a state agency
- 4. Use threat in an attempt to influence a state agency in any representation case
- H. Restrictions on outside employment - none
- I. Personal interest in proposed legislation - none

- H. Restrictions on outside employment
  - Wish to restrict such employment for officers or employees? State? Local?
- I. Personal interest in proposed legislation

#### III. Penalties

- A. Directly by the Governmental Ethics Commission - none
- B. By the courts
  - Incarceration up to six months for intentional violation
  - Fine up to \$1000 for intentional violation
- C. By other agencies
  - Forfeiture of office or employment

### IIJ. Penalties

- A. Directly by boards or commissions?
  - 1. Fines?
  - 2. Forfeiture of office or employment?
  - 3. Cease and desist orders?
  - 4. Other?
- B. By the courts?
  - 1. Incarceration?
  - 2. Fines?
  - Cease and desist orders?
  - 4. Forfeiture of office or employment?
  - 5. Other?
- C. By other agencies?
  - 1. Fines?
  - Forfeiture of office or employment?
  - 3. Cease and desist orders?
  - 4. Other?

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HOUSE BILL No. 2575

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AN ACT concerning ethical conduct of certain persons in relation to the government of the state and certain governmental subdivisions thereof; amending K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-221, 46-233, 46-239, 46-247, 46-248, 46-250, 46-252, 46-254, 46-259, 46-265, 46-266, 46-268, 46-269, 46-270, 46-272, 46-273, 75-4301, 75-4302, 75-4303a, 75-4304, 75-4305 and 75-4306 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 1976 Supp 46-279.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-221 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-221. (a) "State officer or employee" means (1) any individual who is an elected or appointed state officer, (2) any individual who is in the classified service, unclassified service or classified exempt service of the Kansas civil service act, (3) all officers and employees of the legislative branch and of the governor's office, irrespective of how compensated or period of employment, and (4) any individual who receives monthly or semimonthly compensation for services from the state or any state agency, and (5) any attorney who serves as general counsel for any state agency, irrespective of how compensated or period of employment. State officer or employee does not include any justice or commissioner of the supreme court or judge of the judicial branch or employee or officer of the judicial branch or any member of a board, council or commission who is appointed by the supreme court or who is elected or appointed to exercise duties pertaining to functions of the judicial branch, when such person is engaged in performing a function or duty for the judicial branch. Also, state officer or employee does not include any appointed member of an advisory council, commission or erves without compensation other than amounts for expense andwances or reimbursement of expenses as provided for

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in sub-clion (e) of K.S.A. 1975 1976 Supp. 75-3223 and amendments thereto, when such member is engaged in performing a function or duty for such council, commission or board.

- (b) "Candidate for state office" means a candidate for nomination or election to any state office as defined in K.S.A. 1975 1976 Supp. 25-2505 and amendments thereto, except district judges.
- Scc. 2. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-233 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-233. (a) No state officer or employee shall in his or her capacity as such officer or employee participate in the making of a contract with any person or business by which such officer or employee is employed or in whose business such officer or employee has a substantial interest and no such person or business shall enter into any contract where any state officer or employee, acting in such capacity, is a signatory to or a participant in the making of such contract and is employed by or has a substantial interest in such person or business.

Whenever any individual has, within the preceding two (2) years participated as a state officer or employee in the making of any contract with any person or business, such individual shall not accept employment with such person or business for one (1) year following termination of employment as a state officer or employee.

- (b) No individual shall, while a legislator or within one (4) year after the expiration of a term as legislator, be interested pecuniarily, either directly or indirectly, in any contract with the state, which contract is funded in whole or in part by any appropriation or is authorized by any law passed during such term, except that the prohibition of this subsection (b) shall not apply to any contract interest in relation to which a disclosure statement is filed as provided by K-S-A- 1075 Supp. 46-230.
- (c) (b) No individual, while a legislator or within one (1) year after the expiration of a term as a legislator, shall as a litigant or by representing any person in a court proceeding attack any legislative action taken or enactment made during any term such individual served as a legislator as being unconstitutional because of error in the legislative process with respect to such action or

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- (d) (c) Subsections Subsection (a) and (b) shall not apply to the following:
- (1) Contracts let after competitive bidding has been advertised for by published notice; and
- (2) Contracts for property or services for which the price or rate is fixed by law.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-239 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-239. (a) No state officer or employee shall accept employment in any representation case, unless such officer or employee has properly filed the disclosure statement prescribed by this section.
- (b) Any state officer or employee who is employed in any representation case shall, not later than ten (10) days after the acceptance of employment for such case or on the first appearance before the state agency involved (whichever occurs first), file on a form prescribed and provided by the commission a disclosure statement as provided in this section. Any individual, while a legislator or within one (1) year after the expiration of a term as a legislator, who contracts to perform any service for a state agency other than the legislature is interested pecuniarily, either directly or indirectly, in any contract with the state, shall file not later than ten (10) days after the acceptance of such contract, file formal negotiations for such contract commence, a disclosure statement as provided in this section.
- (c) The disclosure statement required by this section shall be filed with the secretary of state commission in all cases. Any individual who files a statement may file an amended statement (or, if permitted by the secretary of state commission, amend the original filing) at any time after the statement is originally filed. Copies of each such statement shall forthwith upon filing be transmitted by the secretary of state commission to (1) in the case of members of the house of representatives, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, or (2) in the case of senators, the secretary of the senate. In addition to the foregoing, a copy of every disclosure statement shall be transmitted by the secretary of state commission to the state agency involved, if the state agency is

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0120 (d) The commission shall furnish to the secretary of state a 0121 copy of each disclosure statement filed pursuant to this section, 0122 and any statement so furnished shall be open to public inspection 0123 at all reasonable times.

- (d) (e) The disclosure statement provided for by this section shall be signed by the person making the same and shall state (1) the name of the employer, (2) the purpose of the employment and (3) the method of determining and computing the compensation for the employment in the representation case.
- (e) (f) Any person who is employed in a representation case and who is required to file a disclosure statement pursuant to this section may file, upon termination of such person's employment in such representation case, a termination statement with the secretary of state commission. Such statement shall be on a form prescribed and provided by the commission and shall state (1) the name of the employer, (2) the state agency involved in the case, and (3) the date of the termination of employment. The secretary of state commission shall transmit a copy of such statement to the state agency involved.
- (f) (g) Failure to file a true disclosure statement is intentionally (1) failing to file a disclosure statement when and where required by this section, or
- (2) filing a disclosure statement under this section which contains any material misrepresentation or false or fraudulent statement.
- Failure to file a true disclosure statement is a class B mis-0146 demeanor.
  - Sec. 4. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-247 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-247. The following individuals shall file written statements of substantial interests, as provided in sections 34 to 38 K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-248 to 46-252, inclusive, and amendments thereto:
  - (a) Legislators and candidates for nomination or election to the legislature;
- 0154 (b) individuals holding an elected office in the executive 0155 branch of this state, and candidates for nomination or election to

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- (c) state officers and employees receiving compensation from the state of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per year or more, except that this section shall not apply to unclassified state officers and employees of institutions under the state board of regents whose principal duties are teaching or state officers or employees under the state board of education whose principal duties are teaching;
- 0164 (d) individuals whose appointment to office is subject to 0165 confirmation by the senate.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-248 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-248. The statement of substantial interests required by K.S.A. 1975 1976 Supp. 46-247 to 46-252, inclusive, and amendments thereto, shall include the substantial interests of the individual making the statement as provided in this section. Campaign contributions reported in compliance with the campaign finance act shall not be included in this statement.
- 0173 (a) The following shall be disclosed by all individuals re-0174 quired to file:
  - (1) The name, address and type of business of any corporation or the name, address and type of practice of any professional organization or individual professional practice in which the individual making the statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor at the time of filing.
  - (2) Each substantial interest of the individual making the statement in such detail and form as is required by the commission.
  - (b) The statements required by this section to be filed shall be filed at the following times:
  - (1) For individuals who are state officers or employees, annually on January 31, so long as the act applies to the individual.
  - (2) For individuals who become candidates, on the date of filing declaration to become a candidate, or if the individual becomes a candidate by another means, then within ten (10) days of becoming a candidate, unless within such period the candidacy infficially declined or rejected.

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(c) The statements required by this section to be filed shall be individual. filed with the secretary of state commission in all cases. The sceretary of state commission shall promptly transmit copies of all filings by legislators, candidates for the legislature and individuals subject to confirmation by the senate to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives. Sec. 6. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-250 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-250. The commission shall prescribe and provide 0208 the forms provided for by K.S.A. 1975 1976 Supp. 46-249. Any 0209 person required to file a statement of substantial interests, may 0210 file an amended statement of substantial interests (or, if permitted 0211 by the sceretary of state commission, amend the statement origi-0212 nally filed) at any time after the date when such statement is 0213 0214

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-252 is hereby amended to read 0215 required to be filed. as follows: 46-252. All statements The commission shall fumish 0216 to the secretary of state a copy of every statement of substantial 0217 interests filed under this act, and any statement so furnished shall 0218 be available for examination and copying by the public at all reasonable times. Each individual examining a statement must first fill out a form or sign a register prepared and publicly 0221 maintained by the secretary of state identifying the examiner by 0222 name, occupation, address and telephone number, and listing the 0223 0224 0225 0226

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-254 is hereby amended to read date of examination. as follows: 46-254. The commission upon its own initiative may, and upon the request of any individual to which this act applies

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shall, render an opinion in writing on questions concerning the interpretation of this act. Any person who acts in accordance with the provisions of such an opinion, shall be presumed to have complied with the provisions of this act. A copy of every opinion rendered by the commission shall be filed with the secretary of state, and any opinion so filed shall be open to public inspection. The secretary of state commission shall publish all opinions rendered under this section monthly and each such publication shall be cumulative. Copies of each opinion shall be filed with the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house on the same date as the same are filed with the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall cause adequate copies of all filings under this section to be supplied to the state library.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-259 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-259. The commission shall maintain a record of its investigations, inquiries, and proceedings. All records, complaints, documents, reports filed with or submitted to or made by the commission, and all records and transcripts of any investigations, inquiries or hearings of the commission under this act shall be confidential and shall not be open to inspection by any individual other than a member of the commission, an employee of the commission, or a state officer or employee designated to assist the commission, except as otherwise specifically provided in this act. The commission may, by adoption of a resolution, authorize the release to the attorney general or to, the county or district attorney of the appropriate county or the appropriate state or federal enforcement agency of any information, records, complaints, documents, reports; and transcripts in its possession material to any matter pending before the attorney general or any county or district attorney pertaining to the violation of this act or of any other state or federal law. All matters presented at a public hearing of the commission and all reports of the commission stating a final finding of fact pursuant to K.S.A. 1975 1976 Supp. 46-262 shall be public records and open to public inspection.

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K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-265 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-265. (a) Every lobbyist shall register with the secretary of state commission by completing a registration form prescribed and provided by the commission and by signing and verifying the same. Such registration shall show the name and address of the lobbyist, the name and address of the person compensating whom the lobbyist for lobbying represents, the purpose of the employment representation and, when the lobbyist receives compensation for lobbying, the method of determining and computing the such compensation of the lobbyist. If the lobbyist is compensated or to be compensated represents more than one person for lobbying by more than one employer or is to be engaged in more than one employment, the relevant facts listed above shall be separately stated for each employer and each employment person represented, but only one registration fee each year shall be required of one lobbyist. Whenever any new lobbying employment or lobbying position representation is accepted by a lobbyist already registered hereunder, he or she shall report the same on forms prescribed and provided by the commission before engaging in any lobbying activity related to such new employment or position representation, and such report shall be filed, when made, with the secretary of state commission. Whenever the lobbying of a lobbyist concerns a legislative matter, the secretary of state commission shall promptly transmit copies of each registration and each report filed under this act to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives.

(b) Any person may register as a lobbyist under this section. Such registration shall expire annually on December 31. In any calendar year, before engaging in lobbying, persons to whom this section applies shall register or renew their registration hereunder. Every person registering or renewing his or her registration shall pay to the secretary of state commission a fee of ten dollars (\$10). The secretary of state commission shall remit all moneys received under this section to the state treasurer, and the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

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(c) Any person who has registered as a lobbyist pursuant to 0304 this act may file, upon termination of such person's lobbying activities, a statement terminating such person's registration as a 0306 lobbyist. Such statement shall be on a form prescribed by the 0307 commission and shall state the name and address of the lobbyist. 0308 the name and address of the person compensating the lobbyist for .0309 lobbying and the date of the termination of the lobbyist's lobby-0310 ing activities. 0311

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-266 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-266. (a) The commission shall furnish to the secretary of state a copy of every registration and report filed with the commission pursuant to K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-265, as amended.

(b) The secretary of state shall maintain alphabetical listings of all lobbyists showing their employers and appointing authorities and the purpose of their employment or position. Such listing shall be supplemented by indices showing employers and the appointing authorities and relevant information as to each. All registration papers and reports made under section 51 K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-265, as amended, and furnished to the secretary of state hereunder shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times. The listings and supplemental indices provided for by this section shall be maintained current at all times and from time to time each year shall be printed, published and distributed by the secretary of state.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-268 is hereby amended to read 0328 as follows: 46-268. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), every lobbyist shall file with the secretary of state commission 0330 a verified report of employment lobbying representation and 0331 expenditures on a form prescribed and provided by the commis-0332 sion. Such reports shall be filed for each of the months of January, February, March and April and for each of the periods from May I to June 30, inclusive, from July I to September 30, inclusive, and from October 1 to December 31, inclusive. Such reports shall be filed by the tenth (10th) twentieth (20th) of the month immediately following the reporting period. Reports shall only be required for reporting periods during which expenditures gifts, payments or honoraria are given which are

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(b) Every lobbyist who intends to make expenditures, gifts, honoraria or payments in an aggregate amount or value of less than one hundred dollars (\$100) during a calendar year, including those made by or on behalf of the person the lobbyist represents, shall file, upon registering as required by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-265 and amendments thereto, an affidavit of such intent with the commission. Reports required by subsection (a) of this section shall not be required of such lobbyist. Any lobbyist who files such an affidavit and who in fact makes expenditures, gifts, honoraria or payments in an aggregate amount or value of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more during a calendar year, including those made by or on behalf of the person the lobbyist represents, shall file, within three (3) days of ascertaining such facts, all past due reports and shall be required to file all future reports required by subsection (a).

(c) Whenever more than one lobbyist represents a person, one such lobbyist shall be designated as the reporting lobbyist, who shall report all reportable expenditures, gifts, honoraria or payments made by or on behalf of the person represented. The amount or value of expenditures, gifts, honoraria or payments made by or on behalf of the person represented shall be cumulated for the purpose of any reporting requirements. Each lobbyist for a person represented by more than one lobbyist and the person so represented shall report to the reporting lobbyist designated by such person all expenditures, gifts, honoraria and payments made by or on behalf of the person represented prior to the date of the report to which such transactions are allocated. Every lobbyist for a person represented by more than one lobbyist, other than the reporting lobbyist designated by such person, shall file, upon registering as required by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-265 and amendments thereto, an affidavit of that fact with the commission and shall not be required to file the reports required by subsection (a) of this section.

(d) The commission shall furnish to the secretary of state a copy of every report and affidavit filed with the commission pursuant to this section, and all reports and affidavits so fur-

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Sec. 13. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-269 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-269. (a) Each report under K.S.A. 1975 1976 Supp. 46-268, as amended, shall disclose the following: (a) (1) The full name and address of each person who has paid compensation for lobbying to the lobbyist or has paid for expenses of lobbying represented by the lobbyist-;

(b) (2) the aggregate amount or value of all expenditures made texcept for expenses of general office overhead) during the reporting period by the lobbyist or by his or her employer for or in direct relation to lobbying during the reporting period, if such expenditures to any one vendor exceed fifty dollars (\$50). or on behalf of the person represented, according to the categories contained in the definition of expenditure under section 17, excluding individual expenditures of less than one dollar (\$1) shall not be required to be reported under this subsection (b). Such expenditures shall be reported according to categories of expenditures established by rules and regulations of the governmental ethics commission. With regard to expenditures for entertainment or hospitality which is primarily food and beverages, only amounts expended on a state officer or employee or on such officer or employee's spouse shall be considered to be for or in direct relation to lobbying. Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection and subsection (e), no lobbyist shall be responsible to report any expenditure by his or her employer of which he or she has no knowledge.;

(e) (3) all gifts, honoraria or payments, of made by the lobbyist or by or on behalf of the person represented, to an individual state officer or employee, or to the spouse of such officer or employee, in an aggregate amount or value in excess of ten dollars (\$10) by the lobbyist to my state officer or employee during the reporting period, including the type of gift or purpose of the honoraria or payment and the amount or value thereof.

Whenever more than one lobbyist is employed by a single employer, the reports required by this section relating to such employer that be made by only one such lobbyist and that lobbyist the lobbyist who is most directly connected with

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(b) Expenditures required to be reported hereunder shall be allocated (1) to the reporting period when the debt is incurred if the amount is then known or ascertainable or (2) to the reporting period when the amount becomes known or ascertainable if the amount is not initially known or ascertainable, whichever occurs first.

(c) Gifts, honoraria and payments required to be reported hereunder shall be allocated to the reporting period when accepted by the state officer or employee. When a gift, honoraria or payment is composed of separate transfers deferred over more than one reporting period, the total value thereof shall be allocated to the reporting period in which the state officer or employee accepts the initial transfer.

(d) For the purposes of this section, "gift" includes hospitality in the form of food and beverages to any state officer or employee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of fifty dollars (\$50) during the reporting period.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-270 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-270. The secretary of state commission shall obtain suitable name tags in two colors, of a size not smaller than two inches by three inches, to be fastened on the outside of the wearer's garment with lettering adequate in size and clarity to be readable at a distance of three feet by individuals of normal vision, bearing the name of the lobbyist, the names of the persons compensating or appointing the lobbyist and the year. The secretary of state commission shall present to each individual registering under sections 50 and 51 K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-264 and 46-265, and amendments thereto, one such tag, and such tag shall be worn by the lobbyist when lobbying in the state capitol building.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-272 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-272. No lobbyist person having a special interest, and no person on behalf of such a person, shall pay or offer or agree to pay to any state officer or employee, candidate for state

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Sec. 16. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-273 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-273. (a) No lobbyist person having a special interest, and no person on behalf of such a person, shall offer employment or employ any state officer or employee or associated person thereof for a representation case, with intent to obtain improper influence over a state agency.

(b) No lobbyist person having a special interest, and no person on behalf of such a person, shall offer employment or employ any state officer or employee or associated person to use or attempt to use threat or promise of official action in an attempt to influence a state agency in any representation case.

New Sec. 17. (a) "Expenditure" means the payment or contract for payment or the receipt and use of goods or services at less than fair market value:

- (1) For the provision of hospitality in the form of food and beverages to any state officer and employee or his or her spouse;
- (2) associated with the giving of any gift, honoraria or payment;
- 0475 (3) for mass media communications, letter writing campaigns 0476 and similar transactions to urge or request others to engage in 0477 lobbying; or
- 0478 (4) for any other transaction for or in direct relation to lobby-0479 ing.
- 0480 (b) "Expenditure" does not include the payment or contract 0481 therefore or the receipt and use of goods and services at less than 0482 fair market value:
- 0483 (I) For the preparation of proposals, position papers and o484 similar documents;
  - (2) to employ another to lobby on one's behalf;
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- (6) for bona fide personal or business entertaining of a state officer or employee or his or her spouse due solely to a personal friendship or business relationship outside of the state officer or employee's official duties as such; or
- (7) which is reported in compliance with the campaign finance act. 0499

New Sec. 18. (a) "Gift" means the transfer of any money or any thing of value unless legal consideration of reasonably equal or greater value is received in return.

(b) "Gift" does not mean (1) any transfer of any bona fide personal or business gift to a state officer or employee or his or her spouse based solely on a personal friendship or business relationship outside of a state officer's or employee's official duties as such or (2) any contribution reported in compliance with the campaign finance act.

New Sec. 19. (a) The commission may require any person to file a report or statement for any period for which such person has failed to file a report or statement required to be filed by such person pursuant to this act. Such report or statement shall be filed within five (5) days after notice by the commission, and notice of the failure to file shall be part of the public record.

(b) The commission may require any person to file an amended report or statement for any period for which the report or statement filed by such person pursuant to this act contains material errors or omissions. Such amended report or statement shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notice by the commission, and notice of the errors and omissions shall be part of the public record.

Sec. 20. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 75-4301 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4301. The following words and terms, when used in this act and the acts of which this act is amendatory, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein:

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Substantial interest. The ownership by an individual or his such individual's spouse, either individually or collectively of a 0527 legal or equitable interest exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or five percent (5%) of any business, whichever is less, and also including the receipt by an individual or his such individual's spouse directly or indirectly of any salary, gratuity, other compensation or remuneration or a contract for or promise or expectation of any such salary, gratuity, other compensation or remuneration having a dollar value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in the current or immediately preceding or succeeding calendar year from any business or combination of businesses, and also including the holding of the position of officer or director of any business, irrespective of the amount of compensation or remuneration received by the person holding any such position. If a person's salary, compensation or other remuneration is a portion or percentage of a fee paid to a business or combination of businesses, a person shall have a substantial interest in any client who pays a fee to such business or combination of businesses from which fee such person receives one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in the current or immediately preceding calendar year.

Business. Any corporation, association, partnership, proprietorship, trust, joint venture, and every or any other business interest, including ownership or use of land for income or any municipal or quasimunicipal corporation.

Local public office. A position of public trust or agency; erented by the Kansas constitution, by statute, by executive decree or by an ordinance or resolution of a municipal or quasi-municipal corporation passed in pursuance of legislative authority. Any office of any municipal or quasimunicipal corporation, or any office created by ordinance or resolution thereof.

Local public officer. Any person who holds public office in the state of Kansas, except that an attorney-at-law, acting only in his professional capacity, who holds no other public office shall not be construed to be a public officer for the purposes of this act, nor shall such term include any notary public or any person who holds ar in any political party and who holds no other

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Local public employee. Any employee of the state of Kansas or any municipal or quasi-municipal corporation; except that an attorney-at-law, acting only in his professional capacity, who holds no other public employment shall not be construed to be a public employee for the purposes of this act.

Municipal corporation. Any city incorporated under the laws of the state of Kansas.

Quasi-municipal corporation. Any county, township, school district, drainage district, or any other governmental subdivision in the state of Kansas having authority to receive expend or hold public moneys or funds.

Contracts. Agreements including but not limited to sales and conveyances of real and personal property and agreements for the performance of services.

Acts. The exercise of power or authority or performance of any duty incident to local public office or employment.

Sec. 21. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 75-4302 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4302. (a) Every candidate for elective local public office, at the time and place of filing his such candidate's declaration of candidacy or at the time of his such candidate's appointment as a candidate, shall file a written report disclosing all of his such candidate's substantial interests. On or before July 4, 4970; every candidate for elective public office who filed his declaration of eaudidacy prior to the effective date of this act, and every elected public officer who has not filed a disclosure of substantial interests shall file in the office of the election officer with whom such officer is required to file his declaration of eandidacy for public office, a written report disclosing all of his substantial interests: Within thirty (30) days after he takes taking office, any person who is appointed to fill a vacancy in an a local elective public office shall file, in the office where his such person's predecessor filed his or her declaration of candidacy, a written report disclosing all of his such person's substantial interests.

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or the head or executive officer of, any state agency, department, bureau, office, institution, council or commission in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of state government and every public officer or employee exercising supervisory authority over a primary division or subdivision thereof shall file in the office of the secretary of state a written report disclosing all of his substantial interests.

- (c) On or before July 1, 1970, every appointive public officer or employee required to file a disclosure of interests at the time of his appointment, who has not filed such disclosure, shall file a written report disclosing his substantial interests in the manner prescribed by law.
- (d) (b) Whenever any change shall occur in the substantial interests of any person candidate required by law this section to file a disclosure of such interests, he such candidate shall file a supplemental report disclosing this the change within ten (10) days thereof.

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- (e) (c) The secretary of state shall prescribe, by rules or and regulations, prescribe the manner and form for filing the disclosures of substantial interests required by law this section.
- Sec. 22. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 75-4303a is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4303a. The governmental ethics commission shall render advisory opinions on the interpretation or applica-0622 tion of the general conflict of inferests law, as contained in K.S.A. 1973 Supp. 75-4301 to 75-4306, inclusive, and amendments 062-4 thereto provisions of this act. Such opinions shall be rendered 0625 after receipt of a written request therefor by a local public officer 0626 or employee or by any person who has filed as a candidate for 0627 local elective public office. Any person who requests and receives such advisory opinion, and who acts in accordance with the provisions thereof, shall be presumed to have complied with 0630 the provisions of the general conflict of interests law this act. A )G31 copy of any advisory opinion rendered by the commission shall 0632 be filed by it in the office of the secretary of state, and any opinion so filed shall be open to public inspection. All requests for advisory opinions shall be directed to the secretary of state who shall notify the commission thereof. The governmental

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ethics commission shall administer the act of which this section is a part this act and may adopt rules and regulations therefor. 0333 The committee on governmental ethics is hereby abolished on the 0639 effective date of this act and the powers and duties of said 0640 committee are hereby on said date transferred to and conferred 0641 upon said commission. Opinions of said committee issued prior 0042 to the effective date of this act shall continue to be effective until 06-13 withdrawn or overruled by the commission to the extent that such 0644 opinions are not in conflict with 1974 Senate bills 656 and 689. 0645 Sec. 23. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 75-4304 is hereby amended to 0646 read as follows: 75-4304. (a) No local public officer or employee 0647 shall, acting in his such capacity as such officer or employee, 0348 shall make or participate in the making of a contract with any 0649 person or business by which he such officer or employee is 0650 employed or in whose business he such officer or employee has a 0651 substantial interest, and no such person or business shall enter 0652 into any contract where any local public officer or employee, 0653 acting in such capacity, is a signatory to or a participant in the 0654 making of such contract and is employed by or has a substantial 0655 interest in such person or business. 0656

- (b) A local public officer or employee does not make or participate in the making of a contract if he such officer abstains from any action in regard to the contract.
  - (c) This section shall not apply to the following:

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- 0661 (1) contracts let after competitive bidding has been advertised of for by published notice; and
- 0663 (2) or contracts for property or services for which the price or nate is fixed by law.
  - (b) (d) Any public officer or employee who is convicted of violating this section shall forfeit his or her office or employment. Sec. 24. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 75-4305 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4305. (a) Any local public officer or employee who has not filed a disclosure of substantial interests and who, while acting in his or her official capacity, shall pass upon any matter which will affect any business in which such officer or employee shall hold holds a substantial interest, shall, before he such officer or employee acts upon such matter, file a written

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report of the nature of said interest with the office of the secretary of state, if such person is a state officer or employee, or if such person is an officer or employee of a municipal or quasi-municipal corporation, with the county clerk of the county in which all or the largest geographical part of such the municipal or quasimunicipal corporation of which such officer or employee is an officer or employee is located.

- (b) A local public officer or employee does not pass or act. upon any matter if he such officer or employee abstains from any 0682 action in regard to the matter.
- Sec. 25. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 75-4306 is hereby amended to 0654 read as follows: 75-4306. (a) Any person who violates any provi-0685 sion of section 2 or 4 of this act, and any person K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 0686 75-4304 or 75-4305, and amendments thereto, or who fails to 0687 make file any disclosure of substantial interest required by law 0688 K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 75-4302, and amendments thereto, shall be 0689 guilty of a class A misdemeanor. 0690
- (b) If any clause, paragraph, subsection or section of this act 0691 shall be held invalid or unconstitutional it shall be conclusively 0692 presumed that the legislature would have enacted the remainder 0693 of this act without such invalid or unconstitutional clause, para-0694 0695 graph, subsection or section.
- Sec. 26. K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 46-221, 46-233, 46-239, 46-247, 0696 46-248, 46-250, 46-252, 46-254, 46-259, 46-265, 46-266, 46-268, 0697 46-269, 46-270, 46-272, 46-273, 46-279, 75-4301, 75-4302, 75-0698 4303a, 75-4304, 75-4305 and 75-4306 are hereby repealed. 0699
- Sec. 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and 0700 after its publication in the statute book.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS of the GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION STATE OF KANSAS

To the Governor and the Legislature December 1, 1976

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#### PART II: RECOMMENDATIONS

Last year the Commission recommended an extensive package of changes. These recommendations were not enacted, however. Nevertheless, the Commission finds that experience has only reinforced the need for them. Therefore, the Commission hereby resubmits its recommendations of last year.\*

The following recommendations are prepared according to four categories—general, lobbying regulation, conflict of interest and campaign finance. The first of these concerns issues which apply to all statutes under the Commission's jurisdiction. Note that some of the items are not outright recommendations, but rather possible changes the Commission offers for consideration.

# - HB 2515 SECTIONS

## A. General

1. K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 25-4101 et seq. and 46-215 et seq.
Amend existing sections of both Acts to provide that the reports and statements required by the Campaign Finance Act and the statutes relating to conflict of interest and the regulation of lobbying be filed in duplicate with the Commission, one copy of which the Commission will forward to the Secretary of State, and that the authority to publish the Commission's opinions be transferred to the Commission.

The Commission is charged with adminis-Comment. tration and enforcement of both Acts including promulgation of rules and regulations, issuance of opinions, prescribing the forms and instructions, receiving of complaints, conducting of investigations, and holding of hearings. The Secretary of State is responsible for receiving and storing reports and statements. This particular division of responsibility necessitates a goodly amount of interoffice communication which results in an attendant loss of time that might be better utilized. Presently the arrangement worked out is one in which the reports are received by the Secretary of State's Office, they are copied, and in most cases certified, and forwarded to the Commission. These then become the basis for the Commission's review and audit activities. addition, the arrangement tends to confuse those who must comply with the statutes. They often do not understand why after having corrected a problem to. the Commission's satisfaction, they must then file an amended report with yet another office.

<sup>\*</sup>Recommendation C(6) is the only recommendation which is new this year.

Amend by adding sections to both Acts to provide that information acquired in the course of review, audit and investigation activities which may pertain to a possible violation of law outside the jurisdiction of the Commission may be communicated by the Commission to the agency responsible for enforcement of those laws.

Comment. Presently if the Commission, during the course of a review, audit or investigation, were to acquire data which indicated other state or federal laws had been violated, we would be unable, because of the confidentiality provisions of the Commission's enabling legislation, to communicate that information, for example, to the Internal Revenue Service or the Kansas Attorney General's Office. An example would be the possible violation by one of several types of corporations regulated by the state in making a contribution to a candidate for state office. This is a contravention of K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 25-1709.

SEE HB 2573 Amend by adding sections to both Acts to provide that the presiding member of the commission or subcommittee conducting a hearing shall be eligible to receive \$35 per diem compensation on those days in which a pre-hearing conference is actually conducted by the member.

Comment. Currently members of the Commission can only be compensated for days actually spent in Commission meetings or subcommittee hearings. However, the character of the work performed by the presiding member in a hearing situation is comparable and the individual devoting such time should be reimbursed on the same basis.

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K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-215 et seq. and K.S.A. 75-4301 et seq. Amend to clarify that a person covered by one of these laws is not covered by the other.

Comment. The state level conflict of interest provisions are contained in K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-215 et seq. K.S.A. 75-4301 et seq. is an earlier statute which at one time covered all conflict issues but is now intended to cover only those at the local level. (See K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-279.) Apparently it can be argued that the statutory method used to limit the applicability of K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 75-4301 et seq. to the local level does not comply with Article 2, Section 16 of the Kansas Constitution. Should that argument prevail, then both bodies of law might apply to numerous factual situations

and multiple filings of statements might result. In addition, those persons who are exempted from the ... operation of the state level law might nonetheless fall within the purview of K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 75-4301 et seq. We recommend appropriate statutory changes be made to clearly define the relationship of these two bodies of law.

Comment. A relationship similar to that described in the preceding recommendation exists between these two laws. (See K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 25-4135.) The same problems discussed above exist here and we therefore recommend the appropriate statutory change.

SEC. 19 6. K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-215 et seq. Amend by adding the following section:

(a) The commission may require any person to file a report for any period for which any report required by this act of the person is not on file and notice of the failure to file shall be part of the public record. Such report shall be filed within five (5) days after notice by the commission.

(b) The commission may require any person to file an amended report for any period for which the original report filed by such person contains material errors or omissions, and notice of such errors or omissions shall be part of the public record. Such amended report shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notice by the commission.

Comment. This recommended section corresponds to similar language in the Campaign Finance Act (K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 25-4108(e) and (f)) which was added by the 1975 Legislature. It is important to provide notice to those persons who have inadvertently failed to file a report or made material errors or omissions. In addition, this section facilitates enforcement of the conflict of interest and lobbying disclosure provisions.

# B. Lobbying Regulation

SEC. 10 1. K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-265. Amend to read:

(a) Every lobbyist shall register with the secretary of state by completing a registration form prescribed and provided by the commission and by signing and verifying the same. Such registration shall show the

name and address of the person compensating the lobbyist represents for-lobbying, the purpose of the representation employment and, when compensated, the method of determining and computing the compensation of the lobbyist. If the lobbyist is-compensated-or to-be-compensated represents more than one person for lobbying by-more-than-one-employer-or-is-to-be-engaged in-more-than-one-employment, the relevant facts listed above shall be separately stated for each person represented employer-and-each-employment, but only one registration fee each year shall be required of one lobbyist. Whenever any new lobbying employment or-lobbying-position representation is accepted by a lobbyist already registered hereunder, he or she shall report the same on forms prescribed and provided by the commission before engaging in any lobbying activity related to such new representation employment-or position, and such report shall be filed, when made, with the secretary of state. Whenever the lobbying of a lobbyist concerns a legislative matter, the secretary of state shall promptly transmit copies of each registration and each report filed under this act to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives.

(b) Any person may register as a lobbyist under this section. Such registration shall expire annually on December 31. In any calendar year, before engaging in lobbying, persons to whom this section applies shall register or renew their registration hereunder. Every person registering or renewing his or her registration shall pay to the secretary of state a fee of ten dollars (\$10). The secretary of state shall remit all moneys received under this section to the state treasurer, and the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

(c) Any person who has registered as a lobbyist pursuant to this act may file, upon termination of such person's lobbying activities, a statement terminating such person's registration as a lobbyist. Such statement shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall state the name and address of the person compensating the lobbyist for lobbying and the date of the termination of the lobbyist's lobbying activities.

Comment. These changes are technical in nature. The language of this section focuses on an employment relationship which is presently one of several methods by which an individual may become a lobbyist. The use of the term "represents" is intended to include those who are appointed or spend money on behalf of another person.

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New Section. Amend by adding the following section: Whenever more than one person represents another person for lobbying, one such person shall be designated as the reporting lobbyist, who shall report all reportable lobbying expenditures, gifts, honoraria or payments made by or on behalf of the person represented. The amount or value of expenditures, gifts, honoraria or payments made by or on behalf of the person represented shall be cumulated for the purpose of any reporting requirements. Any person not designated as the reporting lobbyist, including the person represented, shall report to the one so designated all lobbying expenditures, gifts, honoraria and payments made by or on behalf of the person represented prior to the date of the report to which such transactions are allocated.

Comment. Currently organizations with more than one lobbyist may spread out expenditures among lobbyists and avoid reporting since each lobbyist reports independently and reporting thresholds apply independently. For example, assume an organization has five lobbyists and each makes expenditures of \$45 to a specific vendor during each of the seven reporting periods in a calendar year. And assume each lobbyist is not otherwise required to file any of the reports. In this situation, the total amount expended on behalf of the organization of \$1,575 would not be reported. The recommended language is intended to eliminate this means of avoiding disclosure.

SEC. 12(6)3.

- New Section. Amend by adding the following section: (a) Every lobbyist who intends to make lobbying expenditures or gifts, honoraria or payments in an aggregate amount or value of less than one hundred dollars (\$100) during a calendar year including those made by or on behalf of the person the lobbyist represents, shall, upon filing the registration statement, file an affidavit of such intent with the secretary of state.. Reports required by K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-268, as amended, shall not be required of such lobbyist. Any lobbyist who files such an affidavit and who in fact makes lobbying expenditures or gifts, honoraria or payments of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more during a calendar year, including those made by or on behalf of the person the lobbyist . represents, shall within three (3) days of ascertaining such facts file all past due reports and all future reports.
- (b) Every lobbyist who is not a designated lobbyist for a person represented by more than one lobbyist shall file an affidavit of that fact and shall not file the reports required by K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-268, as amended.

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Comment. Currently whether a lobbyist must report expenditures depends on whether the lobbyist has made expenditures in excess of \$50 to any one vendor or other person. This threshold permits a lobbyist to spread out lobbying activities among vendors and avoid reporting. For example, assume a lobbyist spends \$45 at each of five vendors during each of the seven reporting periods in a calendar year and is not otherwise required to report. The total expenditures of \$1,575 would not be reported under the Act in its present form. The language recommended above is intended to set a threshold that is not subject to the avoidance of reporting based on the structuring of a transaction.

SEC. 12(a)

K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-268. Amend to read:

(a) Every lobbyist, except those who have properly filed an affidavit of exemption, shall file with the secretary of state a verified report of employment representation and expenditures on a form prescribed and provided by the commission. Such reports shall be filed for each of the months of January, February, March and April and for each of the periods from May 1 to June 30, inclusive, from July 1 to September 30, inclusive, and from October 1 to December 31, inclusive. Such reports shall be filed by the twentieth (20th) tenth-(10th) of the month immediately following the reporting period. Reports-shall-only-be-required for-reporting-periods-during-which-expenditures-are made-or-gifts,-payments-or-honoraria-are-given-which are-required-to-be-reported-under-K-S-A--1975-Supp-46-269-

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- (b) Expenditures are allocated (1) to the reporting period when the debt is incurred if the amount is then known or ascertainable, or (2) to the reporting period when the amount becomes known or ascertainable if the amount is not initially known or ascertainable, whichever occurs first.
  - (c) Gifts, honoraria and payments are allocated to the reporting period when accepted by the state officer or employee. When a gift, honoraria or payment is composed of separate transfers deferred over more than one reporting period, the total value thereof shall be allocated to the reporting period in which the state officer or employee accepts the initial transfer.

Comment. The allocation of expenditures on the basis of the date of payment or the date a bill is received permits a lobbyist to defer payment or receipt of a

bill such that reporting may be avoided. For example, assume a lobbyist incurs a debt for \$315 at one vendor's in January and makes payments or arranges to be billed at the rate of \$45 for each reporting period. If the lobbyist is not otherwise required to report, the \$315 would not be reported under either of the allocation systems just described. The recommended language is intended to preclude the avoidance of reporting and provide for the most timely reporting. Recognizing, however, that billings are not always received by the 10th of the month, we recommend the reporting date be changed to the 20th of the month immediately following the reporting period.

Sec. 14(a)

K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-269. Amend to read:

Each report under K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-268 shall disclose the following: (a) The full name and address of each person represented who-has-paid compensation-for-lobbying-to-the-lobbyist-or-has paid-for-expenses-of-lobbying-by-the-lobbyist.

- (b) The aggregate amount or value of all expenditures made {except-for-expenses-of-general} office-overhead) by the-lobbyist or on behalf of the person represented according to the categories in the definition of expenditure, excluding individual by-his-or-her-employer-for-or-in-direct-relation-to lobbying-during-the-reporting-period,-if-such expenditures-to-any-one-vendor-exceed-fifty-dollars (\$50).--Individual expenditures of less than one dollar (\$1) shall-not-be-required-to-be-reported . under-this-subsection-{b}---Such-expenditures-shall be-reported-according-to-categories-of-expenditures established-by-rules-and-regulations-of-the-governmental ethics-commission -- With-regard-to-expenditures-for entertainment-or-hospitality-which-is-primarilyfood-and-beverage-only-amounts-expended-on-a-state officer-or-employee-or-on-such-officer-or-employee's spouse-shall-be-considered-to-be-for-or-in-direct relation-to-lobbying --- Notwithstanding-the-requirements of-this-subsection-and-subsection-(b)-no-lobbyist-shall be-responsible-to-report-any-expenditure-by-his-or her-employer-of-which-he-or-she-has-no-knowledge.
- (c) All gifts, honoraria or payments, of made by the lobbyist or by or on behalf of the person represented to each state officer or employee and/or his or her spouse in an aggregate amount or value in excess of ten dollars (\$10) by-the-lobbyist-to-any state-officer-or-employee during the reporting period, including the type of gift or purpose of the honoraria or payment and the value thereof. Whenever-more-than

one-lobbyist-is-employed-by-a-single-employer,-the reports-required-by-this-section-relating-to-such. employer-shall-be-made-by-only-one-such-lobbyist-and that-lobbyist-shall-be-the-lobbyist-who-is-most directly-connected-with-the-particular-expenditure or-gift,-honoraria-or-payment---No-empenditure-or gift,-honoraria-or-payment-required-to-be-reported by-this-section-shall-be-reported-by-more-than-one lobbyist-

Comment. The recommended changes are primarily conforming changes necessary for the implementation of preceding and following recommendations.

SEC. 13(d) ..

K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-269(c). Consider amending this subsection to provide that hospitality in the form of food and beverage shall be reported as a gift in the total amount or value received if the amount or value exceeds a set threshold during a reporting period, such threshold not to exceed \$50.

Comment. The requirement of this subsection to report gifts by name of the recipient does not include hospitality in the form of food and beverage regardless of the amount received. The Commission recognizes there are many situations involving attendance by public officials at meetings and conventions where the interaction of such officials with the public should not be restricted in any manner. On the other hand, however, consideration should be given to establishing a threshold per reporting period, not to exceed \$50, above which the value of hospitality provided in the form of food and beverage would constitute a reportable gift under this section so that the exclusion from such reporting is not abused. . ಒಂದಿದ್ದರೆದು? ಅವಸ್ಥೆ ಸರಕ್ಕರು

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- New Section. Amend by adding the following section:

  (a) "Expenditure" means the payment or contract therefore or the receipt and use of goods or services at less than fair market value (1) for the provision of hospitality in the form of food and beverages to any state officer and employee and his or her spouse, (2) associated with the giving of any gift, honoraria or payment, (3) for mass media communications, letter writing campaigns and similar transactions to urge or request others to engage in lobbying, or (4) for any other transaction for or in direct relation to lobbying.
- (b) "Expenditure" does not include the payment or contract therefore or the receipt and use of goods and services at less than fair market value (1) for

the preparation of proposals, position papers and similar documents, (2) to employ another to lobby on one's behalf, (3) for personal travel and subsistence of a person engaging in lobbying, (4) for an individual's own communications by means of the postal system, telephone, telegraph or similar communications system, (5) for general office overhead including costs associated with memberships in private clubs or similar establishments except as provided in subsection (a)(3) of this section, or (6) for bona fide personal or business entertaining of a state officer or employee or his or her spouse due solely to a personal friendship or business relationship outside of the state officer or employee's official duties as such, or (7) which is reported in compliance with the Campaign Finance Act.

Comment. This recommendation is intended to clarify which disbursements require an individual to register, as well as which are reportable. The recommended definition is primarily that which can be inferred from the use of the term throughout the Act. The exceptions are generally those which are contained in different parts of the Act.

The definition of "expenditure" is basically directed at the reporting of those disbursements which occur outside of the public forum. This approach serves a valid policy consideration and recognizes the practical problems associated with prorating overhead costs, lobbyist's fees, and other costs which are difficult to compute. However, the exclusions constitute the vast\_majority of costs associated with lobbying. While the Commission does not have available the data necessary to determine what percentage of lobbying costs are included in the exclusions, one situation where a lobbyist over-reported indicates in that. case that the excluded costs constitute approximately 90% of the total lobbying effort. In other words, had the lobbyist reported only those costs required by the Act, the amount reported would have been approximately 10% of the total costs associated with the effort.

The major addition to the definition of "expenditure" is contained in the phrase "the receipt and use of goods at less than fair market value". Currently, if a lobbyist receives goods from a member of the organization the lobbyist represents and those goods are used to entertain state officers and employees, the costs associated with the goods are not reportable

since the lobbyist did not make the expenditure. For example, members could donate the food and beverage for a lobbying event in such a way that the lobbyist would not report anything. The recommended language is intended to include this situation in the definition of expenditures.

SEC. 18

New Section. Amend by adding the following section:

(a) "Gift" means the transfer of any money or any thing of value unless legal consideration of reasonably equal or greater value is received in return.

(b) "Gift does not mean (1) any transfer of any bona fide personal or business gift to a state officer or employee or his or her spouse based solely on a personal friendship or business relationship outside of a state officer's or employee's official duties as such, or (2) any contribution reported in compliance with the Campaign Finance Act.

Comment. The term "gift" is currently undefined in the Act. The recommended definition is one of general usage which makes clear that the value of a special discount is a gift but excludes those gifts totally unrelated to a state officer or employee's position as such.

AOD TO BILL 8. K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-267. Consider amending this section to exempt from its prohibition against contingent fees for lobbying the situation where any person representing an individual in a compensation case for personal injury or damages to personally owned property before the joint legislative committee on Claims and Accounts.

Comment. It is the Commission's opinion that the advantages to an individual suffering personal injury or damage to personally owned property outweighs what might be the benefits of a uniform policy prohibiting contingency fees for lobbying.

# C. Conflict of Interest

SEC. / 1. K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-221(a). Amend the definition of "state officer or employee" to include attorneys who function as general counsel for a state agency no matter how compensated.

Comment. Presently any attorney who is employed on
a full-time basis as general counsel for a state

agency is included within the definition of state officer or employee and is therefore subject to the conflict of interest provisions. If, however, the arrangement is one of an independent contractor or the attorney is employed on a part-time basis, such an attorney is not within the definition of state officer and employee and is therefore not covered by the conflict of interest provisions.

K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46,229(e). Consider whether this section should be modified.

Comment. K.A.R. 19-41-2 concerns the definition of "substantial interests" and therefore what matters must be reported by certain state officers and employees under K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-248. We believe this regulation should be reviewed in detail for the purpose of considering whether any of the definitions should be modified either to exclude certain matters from reporting or to include others.

K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-233 and K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-239.
Repeal K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-233(b) and amend K.S.A.
1975 Supp. 46-239(b) as follows:

(b) Any state officer or employee who is employed in any representation case shall, not later than ten (10) days after the acceptance of employment for such case or on the first appearance before the state agency involved (whichever occurs first), file on a form prescribed and provided by the commission a disclosure statement as provided in this section. Any individual, while a legislator or within one (1) year after the expiration of a term as a legislator, who contracts-to perform-any-service-for-a-state-agency-other-than-the legislature, shall-be is interested pecuniarily, either directly or indirectly, in any contract with the state, shall not later than ten (10) days after the-acceptance of-such-contract, formal negotiations for such contract commence, file a disclosure statement as provided in this section.

Comment. Both subsections identified above attempt to reach similar situations. However, since they are worded differently, it is often difficult to determine in what situations legislators are required to file Representation Case Disclosure Statements when involved in contracting with the state in their capacities as private businessmen. The recommended repeal and amended language is intended to simplify the application

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of the Act to such situations. It is also suggested that the disclosure be based on the date formal, negotiations commence instead of the current test which provides for disclosure after the fact.

K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-236, 46-237 and 46-271. Consider amending these sections to clarify their application.

The key section is K.S.A. 1975 Supp. \46-237 Comment. which deals primarily with the acceptance by state bfficers and \employees of \certain economic opportunities, difts, services, etc. from persons with a special interest and sets limits on the amounts which may received. Set out below are several situations which cause interpretation difficulties under this section. The application of the law to each situation should be reviewed in order to understand the difficulty with the present language. In considering each situation, assume that the person giving the economic opportunity, gift or service has a special interest and that reasonable persons might infer that a purpose of the giving is to influence the state officer or employee in the performance of official duties.

- (1) An economic opportunity, gift or service is given to relatives, business or personal friends of a state officer or employee which does not pecuniarily inure to the advantage of the state officer or employee but does inure to the benefit of such relatives, business or personal friends.
- (2) The person with a special interest pays for transportation and hotel accommodations of a state officer or employee when he or she is directly involved in contracting with, regulating or investigating the donor on behalf of the state
  - (3) The person with a special interest pays for transportation and hotel accommodations of a state officer or employee when he or she is performing official duties which are incidental to those matters described in (2) above such as speaking at a conference and providing general information about the agency.
  - (4) The person with a special interest pays for transportation and hotel accommodations of a state officer or employee when he or she is participating in an event in a ceremonial capacity indirectly related to official duties.
  - (5) An economic opportunity, gift or service is given which benefits the state as a whole such as donations to universities, the state library, etc.

The Commission believes the application of law to each of these situations should be clarified. In regard to situations (2) and (3) we believe a careful balancing is necessary between the contention that permitting such payments is fiscally advantageous to the state and should not be prohibited and the argument that permitting such payments may work to the competitive advantage of those persons who are capable of doing so over those who are not and the need to maintain agency independence. Whatever changes are made should also be considered for K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-236 and 46-271.

In the Commission's continuing review of this section, it is developing appropriate language for clarification. Should it be determined that clarification is in order, the Commission will gladly provide such assistance as may be required to draft appropriate amendatory language.

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K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-247(c). Amend to provide that state officers and employees whose principal duties are teaching and who are under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education and other state agencies are exempt from the requirement to file Statements of Substantial Interests.

Comment. All elected state officers and employees, all appointed state officers and employees whose appointment is subject to confirmation, and all state officers and employees earning \$15,000 or more except those individuals under the Board of Regents whose principal duties are teaching, must annually file a Statement of Substantial Interests. The latter. exception was apparently included to exempt individuals from this requirement whose duties are primarily teaching. However, it is limited by the reference to the State Board of Regents. The Commission sees no distinction between teachers under that agency and those who are under the jurisdiction of others and therefore recommends that the exclusion be broadened to include state officers and employees whose principal duties are teaching no matter under whose jurisdiction they come.

K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-248(b)(4). Amend to provide that individuals whose appointments are subject to confirmation by the Senate and therefore must file Statements of Substantial Interest may do so within thirty days of the appointment, rather than on the date the appointment is submitted to the Senate.

Comment. Many such appointments are made during the interim between sessions, and the individuals involved have no idea as to when their appointment will be submitted to the Senate. It is a time over which they have no control. Therefore, it would seem more equitable if they were allowed to file initially within thirty days of appointment and then annually on January 31 thereafter, as all others are required.

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7. K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 46-272 and 46-273. Amend these sections to apply to persons with "special interests" rather than "lobbyists" and to include offers and payments by and on their behalf.

Comment. Currently the limitations contained in these sections are directed at each lobbyist. Thus, an organization with more than one lobbyist or with a number of persons who do not meet the definition of lobbyist may spread out the offers and payments and therefore dilute the applicability of these sections.

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8. K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 75-4301. Consider amending to provide that the definition of "business" be amended to include a municipal or quasi-municipal corporation.

Comment. This change would have the effect of prohibiting a member of a school board, for example, whose spouse is a teacher in that school system from making or participating in the making of a contract for teacher salaries or other personnel matters.

# D. <u>Campaign Finance</u>

1. K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 25-4108(b)(2). Amend to provide that each person making a contribution or contributions in an aggregate of \$25 or more during a reporting period shall be identified as to principal occupation or place of business.

Comment. In line with the theory of disclosing those segments of the population which support a given candidate or committee, the Commission believes that the information regarding the contributor's occupation or business is significant.

2\ K.S.A. 1975 Supp. 25-4108(h). Amend this subsection to read:

If a report is sent to the office of the filing of state by certified or registered

#### PETITION

TO: The Governor, Attorney General and Legislature of The State of Kansas.

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Kansas guarantees people the right to petition their government for a redress of grievances and

WHEREAS the legislature passed the Campaign Finance

Act and created the Governmental Ethics Commission during

the 1974 session and

WHEREAS the Act was passed because of Water Gate and the so-called K.U. Medical Center Scandal and

WHEREAS the Governmental Ethics Commission, during the 1977 session of the legislature indicated by their actions and testimony that they believe all candidates for state offices are presumed to be guilty until proven innocent, thus reversing one of the highest principals of American law and

WHEREAS the Governmental Ethics Committee directly or indirectly attempted to coerce members of the legislature into increasing their budget and

WHEREAS the Commission has failed to find any wrong-doing or dishonesty by candidates for election to state office and

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WHEREAS the Governmental Ethics Commission has attempted to stretch the Campaign Finance Act to cover persons and incidents that the legislature did not intend to be covered under said act and

WHEREAS the Governmental Ethics Commission failed to fully appraise candidates for state offices of all the . rules and regulations and

WHEREAS the action of the Governmental Ethics Commission will and has discouraged persons from running for public office and

WHEREAS both the Campaign Finance Act and the Governmental Ethics Commission have wholly failed of their purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned citizens and tax payers of the State of Kansas respectfully request that their public officials investigate the Governmental Ethics Commission and its operation and take all steps necessary to protect the rights of freedom of the citizens of the State of Kansas including abolishing the Governmental Ethics Commission and repealing the Campaign Finance Act.

Respectfully Submitted,

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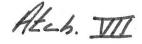
#### By Special Committee on Elections:

AN ACT relating to the ethical conduct of certain persons in relation to state government; amending K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 46-226 and repealing the existing section.

#### Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 46-226 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-226. "Representation case" means the representation of any person, client, principal, or third person, with compensation, in any matter before any state agency where the action or non-action of the state agency involves the exercise of substantial discretion; but representation case does not mean or include (a) any communication initiated by a legislator on behalf of a constituent or other member of the public for which no compensation is received or to be received, or (b) preparation and filing of tax returns or other governmental forms, or (c) participation in tax audit negotiations, or (d) any activity of a state officer or employee in carrying out the duties of his or her office or employment, or (e) a preliminary inquiry by any person into a matter before a state agency . or (f) representation of a client involving a claim pursuant to the workmen's compensation act or the employment security law by any person other than an employee of the department of human resources.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 46-226 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.



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BILL NO.

#### By Special Committee on Elections

AN ACT relating to the ethical conduct of certain persons in relation to state government; amending K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 46-239 and 46-240 and repealing the existing sections.

#### Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 46-239 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-239. (a) Except for representation of a client involving a claim pursuant to the workmen's compensation act or employment security law by an attorney other than an employee of the department of human resources. no state officer or employee shall accept employment in any representation case, unless such officer or employee has properly filed the disclosure statement prescribed by this section.

- (b) Any state officer or employee who is employed in any representation case shall, not later than ten (10) days after the acceptance of employment for such case or on the first appearance before the state agency involved (whichever occurs first), file on a form prescribed and provided by the commission a disclosure statement as provided in this section. Any individual, while a legislator or within one (1) year after the expiration of a term as a legislator, who contracts to perform any service for a state agency other than the legislature, shall not later than ten (10) days after the acceptance of such contract, file a disclosure statement as provided in this section.
- (c) The disclosure statement required by this section shall be filed with the secretary of state in all cases. Any individual who files a statement may file an amended statement (or, if permitted by the secretary of state, amend the original filing) at any time after the statement is originally filed. Copies of each such statement shall forthwith upon filing be transmitted by the

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representatives, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, or (2) in the case of senators, the secretary of the senate. In addition to the foregoing, a copy of every disclosure statement shall be transmitted by the secretary of state to the state agency involved, if the state agency is other than a part of the legislative branch.

- (d) The disclosure statement provided for by this section shall be signed by the person making the same and shall state (1) the name of the employer, (2) the purpose of the employment and (3) the method of determining and computing the compensation for the employment in the representation case.
- (e) Any person who is employed in a representation case and who is required to file a disclosure statement pursuant to this section may file, upon termination of such person's employment in such representation case, a termination statement with the secretary of state. Such statement shall be on a form prescribed and provided by the commission and shall state (1) the name of the employer, (2) the state agency involved in the case, and (3) the date of the termination of employment. The secretary of state shall transmit a copy of such statement to the state agency involved.
- (f) Failure to file a true disclosure statement is intentionally (1) failing to file a disclosure statement when and where required by this section, or
- (2) filing a disclosure statement under this section which contains any material misrepresentation or false or fraudulent statement.

Failure to file a true disclosure statement is a class B misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 46-240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-240. Except for cases involving claims pursuant to the workmen's compensation act or employment security law. no state officer or employee shall accept or agree to accept any compensation, or any part—thereof, for employment in a any

representation case of—any—kind, before a state agency,—exe workmen's compensation—cases, which is contingent upon the result mehieved—or attained.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 46-239 and 46-240 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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PROPOSED BILL NO.

By Special Committee on Elections

AN ACT relating to conflicts of interests; amending K.S.A. 75-4306 and repealing the existing section.

#### Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 75-4306 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4306. (a) Any person who intentionally violates any provision of section—3—or—4—of—this—act K.S.A. 75-4304 and formingly and formingly and disclosure of substantial interest required by law K.S.A. 75-4302 shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

(b) If any clause, paragraph, subsection or section of this act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional it shall be conclusively presumed that the legislature would have enacted the remainder of this act without such invalid or unconstitutional clause, paragraph, subsection or section.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-4306 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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AN ACT supplementing the campaign finance act; concerning certain expenditures by party committees.

## Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Expenditures by a party committee for obtaining time, space or services of a communications media or for /providing a forum for the purpose of jointly promoting three or more candidates in a substantially equal manner need not be reported by a candidate or candidate committee as a contribution or expenditure under the campaign finance act, but a party committee shall include any such expenditure in reports required by the campaign finance act.

(b) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the campaign finance act.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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