

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**75-4301a. Governmental ethics applicable to local governmental subdivisions; definitions.** As used in K.S.A. 75-4302a, 75-4303a, 75-4304, 75-4305 and 75-4306, and amendments thereto:

(a) "Substantial interest" means any of the following: (1) If an individual or an individual's spouse, either individually or collectively, has owned within the preceding 12 months a legal or equitable interest exceeding \$5,000 or 5% of any business, whichever is less, the individual has a substantial interest in that business.

(2) If an individual or an individual's spouse, either individually or collectively, has received during the preceding calendar year compensation which is or will be required to be included as taxable income on federal income tax returns of the individual and spouse in an aggregate amount of \$2,000 from any business or combination of businesses, the individual has a substantial interest in that business or combination of businesses.

(3) If an individual or an individual's spouse, either individually or collectively, has received in the preceding 12 months, without reasonable and valuable consideration, goods or services having an aggregate value of \$500 or more from a business or combination of businesses, the individual has a substantial interest in that business or combination of businesses.

(4) If an individual or an individual's spouse holds the position of officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor of any business, other than an organization exempt from federal taxation of corporations under section 501(c)(3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (10) or (19) of chapter 26 of the United States code, the individual has a substantial interest in that business, irrespective of the amount of compensation received by the individual or individual's spouse.

(5) If an individual or an individual's spouse receives compensation which is a portion or percentage of each separate fee or commission paid to a business or combination of businesses, the individual has a substantial interest in any client or customer who pays fees or commissions to the business or combination of businesses from which fees or commissions the individual or the individual's spouse, either individually or collectively, received an aggregate of \$2,000 or more in the preceding calendar year.

As used in this subsection, "client or customer" means a business or combination of businesses.

(b) "Business" means any corporation, association, partnership, proprietorship, trust, joint venture, and every other business interest, including ownership or use of land for income.

(c) "Local governmental employee" means any employee of any governmental subdivision or any of its agencies.

(d) "Local governmental officer" means any elected or appointed officer of any governmental subdivision or any of its agencies.

(e) "Candidate for local office" means any candidate for nomination or election to any elective office of a governmental subdivision.

(f) "Governmental subdivision" means any city, county, township, school district, drainage district or other governmental subdivision of the state having authority to receive or hold public moneys or funds.

(g) "Contracts" means agreements including but not limited to sales and conveyances of real and personal property and agreements for the performance of services.

(h) "Acts" means the exercise of power or authority or performance of any duty incident to public office or employment.

(i) "Compensation" means any money, thing of value or economic benefit conferred on, or received by, any person in return for services rendered, or to be rendered, by that person or another, but shall not mean nor include reimbursement of reasonable expenses if the reimbursement does not exceed the amount actually expended for the expenses and it is substantiated by an itemization of expenses.

(j) "Preceding calendar year" has its usual meaning, except that in the case of candidates and individuals newly appointed to office or employment, it means the 12

months immediately preceding a required filing date.

**History:** L. 1990, ch. 306, § 14; L. 1991, ch. 150, § 45; July 1.