

Article III.
Standards of Ethical Conduct for
State Officers and Employees

It shall be considered unethical for any State officer or employee:

[1. To accept, seek, solicit, or take directly or indirectly, any gift or benefit of more than insignificant economic value, including money, any service, gratuity, fee, property, loan, promise, or anything else of more than insignificant economic value from or on behalf of any individual or entity who is doing or is seeking to do business of any kind with the State or whose activities are regulated or controlled in any way by the State, and the officer or employee has knowledge of such facts, under circumstances from which the officer or employee could reasonably have inferred that the gift or benefit was intended to influence such officer or employee in the performance of his official duties and under circumstances from which it is reasonable to assume that the officer or employee would be influenced in the performance of his official duties.]

1. (A) IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR, TO SOLICIT, ACCEPT, OR RECEIVE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY GIFT OR GIFTS, WHETHER IN THE FORM OF MONEY, SERVICE, LOANS, GRATUITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, TRAVEL, ENTERTAINMENT, HOSPITALITY, THING OR PROMISE, HAVING A VALUE OF MORE THAN FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) FROM ANY SINGLE SOURCE, INCLUDING ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY. EXCLUDED FROM THIS LIMIT ARE:

(I) GIFTS FROM A PERSON RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE, OR AN INTENDED SPOUSE, OR A MEMBER OF THE OFFICER'S OR EMPLOYEE'S HOUSEHOLD;

(II) PERSONAL GIFTS FROM FRIENDS IF IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, RATHER THAN A FINANCIAL OR GOVERNMENT INTEREST, IS THE MOTIVATING FACTOR;

(III) GIFTS OR AWARDS OF A CEREMONIAL NATURE OR GIFTS OR AWARDS RECEIVED UPON RETIREMENT FROM STATE EMPLOYMENT;

(IV) FOOD OR REFRESHMENTS FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES;

(V) UNSOLICITED GIFTS OR ITEMS OF NOMINAL OR INFORMATIONAL VALUE;

(VI) REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR FOOD, TRAVEL, LODGING, AND SCHEDULED ENTERTAINMENT OF THE OFFICER OR