

(d) When a commissioner has any interest as described in this section which is or reasonably may be incompatible with or in conflict with any of his official duties or acts, he shall disclose such interest in a meeting of the commission and such disclosure shall appear in the commission's minutes, and he shall disqualify himself and not participate in the decision or act affected thereby.

(e) Any commissioner convicted of violating subsection (c) or (d) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or six months in jail, or both such fine and imprisonment, or by suspension from the commission or employment for not more than six months, or by outright forfeiture and removal from office, or by any combination of these, as in the discretion of the court shall be fit and proper.

(f) The provisions of this section are severable and if any provision of this section, or subsection thereof, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, section, subsection thereof, or any other application of this section which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, subsections or application.

(67 § 12-3).

(a) When used in this section and unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Contract" means any claim, account or demand against or agreement with Prince George's County, express or implied, but shall not apply to those exceptions under subsection (g) of this section.

(2) "Financial interest" means ownership by the official or his spouse, brother, sister, or child, jointly or severally, of a total of more than three per centum of the invested capital or capital stock of or receipt of a total combined compensation of more than five thousand dollars per year from any firm, corporation, or association involved in the decision being made by the official or his agency, but shall not be construed to mean or include an interest or investment in land geographically remote from the land involved in the decision, a possibility of reverter, a mortgage, or other security interest in which the real party in interest is not as otherwise defined in this subsection.

(3) "Public officials" means all elected and appointed officers and employees of the county, whether subject to the personnel merit system or otherwise, and to the county commissioners, state's attorney, county treasurer, judges of the orphans court, clerk of the circuit court, county surveyor, sheriff, department heads, and all other officers, employees and members of boards, commissions, and agencies including Prince George's County members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission appointed by the governor or hired or appointed by or under