

the authority of the county commissioners or any other elected official or officials, which persons shall hereinafter be referred to as "official" or "officials".

(4) "Bribe" means money, property, gift, fee, payment, services, loan, entertainment, hospitality or other thing having a value of fifty dollars or more.

(b) Under the provisions of this section, any person who gives or offers or causes to be given or offered a bribe or agreement to a public official or attempts, directly or indirectly, by threat, menace, deceit, suppression of truth, or other corrupt means, to influence a public official in the performance of his official duties is punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten years, or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by both.

(c) Under the provisions of this section, any public official who asks, receives, or agrees to receive any bribe upon any understanding that his official opinion, judgment or action shall be influenced thereby, or shall be given in any particular manner or upon any particular side of any question or matter upon which he may be required to act in his official capacity, is punishable by imprisonment in a state prison not exceeding ten years, or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by both.

(d) (1) Financial interests. No public official shall decide or participate in any ruling, decision, or opinion in which he has a financial interest, as owner, member, partner, officer, employee, stockholder, or other participant of or in any private business or professional enterprise that will be affected by such decision, nor shall an official participate in any ruling, decision, or opinion affecting any person related to him as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (a). This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit an official from having or holding private investment, business, or professional interests, but shall be construed to apply when such interests are or reasonably may be in conflict with the proper performance of his official duties.

(2) Broker, agent, etc. No public official shall act as broker, agent, attorney, representative, or employee for any person or firm, in his business dealings with the county or its agencies or agencies of the state operating for the county or represent private interests before the county or such described agencies; nor shall any public official decide or participate in a decision on any matter in which a close business or professional associate has acted in any of these capacities or represented private interests before the county or such described agencies. This shall not be construed, however, to prevent officials, or any close business or professional associates of such officials, from participating in matters with the county or such described agencies, where such participation has no relationship to the official duties of such official, nor shall the term "participation" include the preparation of surveys, architectural or site plans when such are not prepared for presentation to the board or commission upon which such member serves.