

THE ETHICS COMMISSION AND APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 40A, § 1-201(bb).

In subsection (f)(1) of this section, the exemption of "State official" from the definition of "public official" as it applies to the Judicial Branch, is substituted for the exemption of "a judge, master, commissioner, examiner, auditor, or referee" in former Art. 40A, § 1-201(bb)(3)(ii) so that other classes of judicial officers may be added by rule to those designated as "State official".

Also subsection (f)(1) serves to explicitly exclude State officials of the Executive Branch from the definition of "public official" for clarity and consistency.

In subsection (f)(2) of this section, the former law's reference to "including an individual employed on a full-time contractual basis for more than 6 months" is revised as an exclusion of those employed on a contractual basis for 6 months or less or less than full time. Contractual employees of the Judicial Branch are explicitly exempted from the definition of "public official" for clarity and in keeping with apparent legislative intent.

Defined terms: "Bicounty commission" § 15-102

"Board" § 15-102

"Compensation" § 15-102

"County" § 1-101

"Employee" § 15-102

"Ethics Commission" § 15-102

"Executive unit" § 15-102

"General Assembly" § 15-102

"Public official" § 15-102

"State official" § 15-102

15-104. ADMINISTRATION OF TITLE.

THIS TITLE SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE FOLLOWING THREE ETHICS AGENCIES:

(1) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE, ACTING AS AN ADVISORY BODY AS TO THE APPLICATION OF SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(2) THE JUDICIAL DISABILITIES COMMISSION OR ANOTHER BODY DESIGNATED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS, ACTING AS AN ADVISORY BODY AS TO THE APPLICATION OF SUBTITLES 5 AND 6 OF THIS TITLE TO STATE OFFICIALS OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH; AND

(3) IN ALL OTHER MATTERS, THE ETHICS COMMISSION.