

(1) having or acquiring a direct interest[, distinct from that of the general public,] in an enterprise which would be affected by the legislator's vote on proposed legislation, UNLESS THE INTEREST IS COMMON TO ALL MEMBERS OF:

(I) A PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION OF WHICH THE LEGISLATOR IS A MEMBER; OR

(II) THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR A LARGE CLASS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC[.];

(2) benefiting financially from a close economic association with a person whom the legislator knows, ~~or from the facts is presumed to know,~~ has a direct interest in an enterprise or interest which would be affected by the legislator's [vote on proposed legislation] PARTICIPATION IN LEGISLATIVE ACTION, differently from other like enterprises or interests; [or]

(3) benefiting financially from a close economic association with a person who is lobbying [or who has employed a lobbyist to propose legislation or to influence legislator's votes] FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING LEGISLATIVE ACTION. ["Close economic association" includes and refers to the legislator's employer, employees, and partners in business and professional enterprises; partnerships, limited liability partnerships, or limited liability companies in which the legislator has invested capital or owns any interest; corporations in which the legislator owns (not including any stock owned directly through a mutual fund, retirement plan, or other similar commingled investment vehicle the individual investments of which the legislator does not control or manage) the lesser of 10 percent or more of the outstanding capital stock or capital stock of any corporation with a cumulative value of \$10,000 or more; and corporations in which the legislator is an officer, director, or agent.]; OR

[(3)](4) . soliciting, accepting, or agreeing to accept [any gift, loan, or payment of a significant value] A LOAN, OTHER THAN A LOAN FROM A COMMERCIAL LENDER IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS, from a person who would be affected by or has an interest in an enterprise which would be affected by the legislator's [vote on proposed legislation] PARTICIPATION IN LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

15-512. Suspension of disqualification.

(a) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DISQUALIFICATION ARISING UNDER § 15-511 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE SUSPENDED IF THE CONFLICT IS DIRECT AND PERSONAL TO:

- ~~(A)~~ 1. THE LEGISLATOR;
- ~~(B)~~ 2. A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY; OR
- ~~(C)~~ 3. THE LEGISLATOR'S EMPLOYER.

(II) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A VOTE ON:

- 1. THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET BILL, IN ITS ENTIRETY;

OR