



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1872



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL CONFLICT  
OF INTEREST PROVISIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section,  
2 (1) "municipality" means each town, city or borough, whether  
3 consolidated or unconsolidated, and includes any district, and (2)  
4 "district" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-324 of the  
5 general statutes. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes  
6 or any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, not later than October  
7 1, 2025, each municipality shall adopt a conflict of interest provision for  
8 its elected and appointed officials, officers and employees which shall  
9 contain: (A) The municipality's definition of "conflict of interest" or the  
10 model definition set forth in subsection (b) of this section, and (B) any  
11 actions that are required to be taken by the municipality if a conflict of  
12 interest is determined to exist, except that the provisions of this  
13 subsection shall not apply to any municipality that has established a  
14 conflict of interest policy prior to January 1, 2025.

15 (b) For purposes of complying with the requirements of subsection  
16 (a) of this section, a municipality may adopt the following model  
17 definition of conflict of interest in lieu of creating its own definition: A  
18 conflict of interest exists where an official, officer or employee believes  
19 or expects that such official, officer or employee, or any person within  
20 such official's, officer's or employee's immediate family, or any business  
21 associate of such official, officer or employee, or any business by which  
22 the official, officer or employee is employed, or any business with which  
23 the official, officer or employee is associated, will derive a direct  
24 monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary loss, as the case may be, by  
25 reason of such official's, officer's or employee's official activity, but  
26 excluding any official action taken by the official, officer or employee in  
27 which any benefit or detriment is shared with a substantial segment of  
28 the population of the municipality.

29 (c) Not later than January 15, 2026, each municipality shall submit a  
30 notice to the Office of State Ethics, in a manner prescribed by the office,  
31 certifying whether the municipality (1) has adopted a conflict of interest  
32 provision in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
33 section, or (2) is exempt from such requirement under subsection (a) of  
34 this section. Any such notice shall include a copy of the conflict of  
35 interest provision adopted by such municipality. The Office of State  
36 Ethics shall publish a copy of each municipality's conflict of interest  
37 provision submitted under this subsection on the office's Internet web  
38 site.

39 (d) Not later than January 15, 2026, and as updated thereafter, each  
40 municipality shall publish any conflict of interest provision adopted by  
41 such municipality on its Internet web site in an easily accessible location.  
42 If the conflict of interest provision is part of an established code of ethics  
43 adopted by a municipality, the publication of the code of ethics on the  
44 municipal Internet web site in an easily accessible location shall satisfy  
45 the requirements of this subsection. If the municipality does not have an  
46 Internet web site, the municipality shall make its conflict of interest  
47 provision or code of ethics available to the public at the town or city  
48 clerk's office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*