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4 ENROLLED. An Act,

5 Relating to state ethics laws; to amend Sections
6 36-25-1 and 36-25-27, Code of Alabama 1975, to revise the
7 definition of minor violation; to increase the size of
8 administrative penalties the commission may impose for minor
9 violations, and to provide that district courts have
10 jurisdiction to hear cases involving potential violations of
11 ethics laws.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. Sections 36-25-1 and 36-25-27, Code of
14 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

15 "§36-25-1.

16 "Whenever used in this chapter, the following words
17 and terms shall have the following meanings:

18 "(1) BUSINESS. Any corporation, partnership,
19 proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association,
20 organization, self-employed individual, or any other legal
21 entity.

22 "(2) BUSINESS WITH WHICH THE PERSON IS ASSOCIATED.
23 Any business of which the person or a member of his or her
24 family is an officer, owner, partner, board of director

1 member, employee, or holder of more than five percent of the
2 fair market value of the business.

3 "(3) CANDIDATE. This term as used in this chapter
4 shall have the same meaning ascribed to it in Section
5 17-22A-2.

6 "(4) COMMISSION. The State Ethics Commission.

7 "(5) COMPLAINT. Written allegation or allegations
8 that a violation of this chapter has occurred.

9 "(6) COMPLAINANT. A person who alleges a violation
10 or violations of this chapter by filing a complaint against a
11 respondent.

12 "(7) CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. A complaint filed
13 pursuant to this chapter, together with any statement,
14 conversations, knowledge of evidence, or information received
15 from the complainant, witness, or other person related to such
16 complaint.

17 "(8) CONFLICT OF INTEREST. A conflict on the part of
18 a public official or public employee between his or her
19 private interests and the official responsibilities inherent
20 in an office of public trust. A conflict of interest involves
21 any action, inaction, or decision by a public official or
22 public employee in the discharge of his or her official duties
23 which would materially affect his or her financial interest or
24 those of his or her family members or any business with which
25 the person is associated in a manner different from the manner

1 it affects the other members of the class to which he or she
2 belongs. A conflict of interest shall not include any of the
3 following:

4 "a. A loan or financial transaction made or
5 conducted in the ordinary course of business.

6 "b. An occasional nonpecuniary award publicly
7 presented by an organization for performance of public
8 service.

9 "c. Payment of or reimbursement for actual and
10 necessary expenditures for travel and subsistence for the
11 personal attendance of a public official or public employee at
12 a convention or other meeting at which he or she is scheduled
13 to meaningfully participate in connection with his or her
14 official duties and for which attendance no reimbursement is
15 made by the state.

16 "d. Any campaign contribution, including the
17 purchase of tickets to, or advertisements in journals, for
18 political or testimonial dinners, if the contribution is
19 actually used for political purposes and is not given under
20 circumstances from which it could reasonably be inferred that
21 the purpose of the contribution is to substantially influence
22 a public official in the performance of his or her official
23 duties.

24 "(9) DAY. Calendar day.

1 "(10) DEPENDENT. Any person, regardless of his or
2 her legal residence or domicile, who receives 50 percent or
3 more of his or her support from the public official or public
4 employee or his or her spouse or who resided with the public
5 official or public employee for more than 180 days during the
6 reporting period.

7 "(11) DE MINIMIS. A value twenty-five dollars (\$25)
8 or less per occasion and an aggregate of fifty dollars (\$50)
9 or less in a calendar year from any single provider, or such
10 other amounts as may be prescribed by the Ethics Commission
11 from time to time by rule pursuant to the Administrative
12 Procedure Act or adjusted each four years from August 1, 2012,
13 to reflect any increase in the cost of living as indicated by
14 the United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index or
15 any succeeding equivalent index.

16 "(12) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNCTION. Any function
17 reasonably and directly related to the advancement of a
18 specific, good-faith economic development or trade promotion
19 project or objective.

20 "(13) EDUCATIONAL FUNCTION. A meeting, event, or
21 activity held within the State of Alabama, or if the function
22 is predominantly attended by participants from other states,
23 held within the continental United States, which is organized
24 around a formal program or agenda of educational or
25 informational speeches, debates, panel discussions, or other

1 presentations concerning matters within the scope of the
2 participants' official duties or other matters of public
3 policy, including social services and community development
4 policies, economic development or trade, ethics, government
5 services or programs, or government operations, and which,
6 taking into account the totality of the program or agenda,
7 could not reasonably be perceived as a subterfuge for a purely
8 social, recreational, or entertainment function.

9 "(14) FAMILY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE. The
10 spouse or a dependent of the public employee.

11 "(15) FAMILY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL. The
12 spouse, a dependent, an adult child and his or her spouse, a
13 parent, a spouse's parents, a sibling and his or her spouse,
14 of the public official.

15 "(16) GOVERNMENTAL CORPORATIONS AND AUTHORITIES.
16 Public or private corporations and authorities, including but
17 not limited to, hospitals or other health care corporations,
18 established pursuant to state law by state, county or
19 municipal governments for the purpose of carrying out a
20 specific governmental function. Notwithstanding the foregoing,
21 all employees, including contract employees, of hospitals or
22 other health care corporations and authorities are exempt from
23 the provisions of this chapter.

24 "(17) HOUSEHOLD. The public official, public
25 employee, and his or her spouse and dependents.

1 "(18) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. A full-time employee
2 of a governmental unit responsible for the prevention or
3 investigation of crime who is authorized by law to carry
4 firearms, execute search warrants, and make arrests.

5 "(19) LEGISLATIVE BODY. The term "legislative body"
6 includes the following:

7 "a. The Legislature of Alabama, which includes both
8 the Senate of Alabama and the House of Representatives of
9 Alabama, unless specified otherwise by the express language of
10 any provision herein, and any committee or subcommittee
11 thereof.

12 "b. A county commission, and any committee or
13 subcommittee thereof.

14 "c. A city council, city commission, town council,
15 or other municipal council or commission, and any committee or
16 subcommittee thereof.

17 "(20) LOBBY or LOBBYING. The practice of promoting,
18 opposing, or in any manner influencing or attempting to
19 influence the introduction, defeat, or enactment of
20 legislation before any legislative body; opposing or in any
21 manner influencing the executive approval, veto, or amendment
22 of legislation; or the practice of promoting, opposing, or in
23 any manner influencing or attempting to influence the
24 enactment, promulgation, modification, or deletion of
25 regulations before any regulatory body. The term does not

1 include providing public testimony before a legislative body
2 or regulatory body or any committee thereof.

3 "(21) LOBBYIST.

4 "a. The term lobbyist includes any of the following:

5 "1. A person who receives compensation or
6 reimbursement from another person, group, or entity to lobby.

7 "2. A person who lobbies as a regular and usual part
8 of employment, whether or not any compensation in addition to
9 regular salary and benefits is received.

10 "3. A consultant to the state, county, or municipal
11 levels of government or their instrumentalities, in any manner
12 employed to influence legislation or regulation, regardless
13 whether the consultant is paid in whole or part from state,
14 county, municipal, or private funds.

15 "4. An employee, a paid consultant, or a member of
16 the staff of a lobbyist, whether or not he or she is paid, who
17 regularly communicates with members of a legislative body
18 regarding pending legislation and other matters while the
19 legislative body is in session.

20 "b. The term lobbyist does not include any of the
21 following:

22 "1. An elected official on a matter which involves
23 that person's official duties.

24 "2. A person or attorney rendering professional
25 services in drafting bills or in advising clients and in

1 rendering opinions as to the construction and effect of
2 proposed or pending legislation, executive action, or rules or
3 regulations, where those professional services are not
4 otherwise connected with legislative, executive, or regulatory
5 action.

6 "3. Reporters and editors while pursuing normal
7 reportorial and editorial duties.

8 "4. Any citizen not lobbying for compensation who
9 contacts a member of a legislative body, or gives public
10 testimony on a particular issue or on particular legislation,
11 or for the purpose of influencing legislation and who is
12 merely exercising his or her constitutional right to
13 communicate with members of a legislative body.

14 "5. A person who appears before a legislative body,
15 a regulatory body, or an executive agency to either sell or
16 purchase goods or services.

17 "6. A person whose primary duties or
18 responsibilities do not include lobbying, but who may, from
19 time to time, organize social events for members of a
20 legislative body to meet and confer with members of
21 professional organizations and who may have only irregular
22 contacts with members of a legislative body when the body is
23 not in session or when the body is in recess.

24 "7. A person who is a member of a business,
25 professional, or membership organization by virtue of the

1 person's contribution to or payment of dues to the
2 organization even though the organization engages in lobbying
3 activities.

4 "8. A state governmental agency head or his or her
5 designee who provides or communicates, or both, information
6 relating to policy or positions, or both, affecting the
7 governmental agencies which he or she represents.

8 "(22) MINOR VIOLATION.

9 "a. Any violation of this chapter in which the
10 public official ~~or public employee~~ receives an economic gain
11 in an amount less than ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)~~ one
12 thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or the governmental
13 entity has an economic loss of less than ~~two hundred fifty~~
14 ~~dollars (\$250)~~ one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

15 "b. Any violation of this chapter by a public
16 employee as determined in the discretion of the commission and
17 the Attorney General or the district attorney for the
18 appropriate jurisdiction based upon consideration of the
19 following factors:

20 "1. The public employee has made substantial or full
21 restitution to the victim or victims.

22 "2. The violation did not involve multiple
23 participants.

1 "3. The violation did not involve great monetary
2 gain to the public employee or great monetary loss to the
3 victim or victims.

4 "4. The violation did not involve a high degree of
5 sophistication or planning; did not occur over a lengthy
6 period of time, or did not involve multiple victims and did
7 not involve a single victim that was victimized more than
8 once.

9 "5. The public employee has resigned or been
10 terminated from the position occupied during which the
11 violation occurred and is otherwise not a current public
12 employee.

13 "(23) PERSON. A business, individual, corporation,
14 partnership, union, association, firm, committee, club, or
15 other organization or group of persons.

16 "(24) PRINCIPAL. A person or business which employs,
17 hires, or otherwise retains a lobbyist. A principal is not a
18 lobbyist but is not allowed to give a thing of value.

19 "(25) PROBABLE CAUSE. A finding that the allegations
20 are more likely than not to have occurred.

21 "(26) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE. Any person employed at the
22 state, county, or municipal level of government or their
23 instrumentalities, including governmental corporations and
24 authorities, but excluding employees of hospitals or other
25 health care corporations including contract employees of those

1 hospitals or other health care corporations, who is paid in
2 whole or in part from state, county, or municipal funds. For
3 purposes of this chapter, a public employee does not include a
4 person employed on a part-time basis whose employment is
5 limited to providing professional services other than
6 lobbying, the compensation for which constitutes less than 50
7 percent of the part-time employee's income.

8 "(27) PUBLIC OFFICIAL. Any person elected to public
9 office, whether or not that person has taken office, by the
10 vote of the people at state, county, or municipal level of
11 government or their instrumentalities, including governmental
12 corporations, and any person appointed to a position at the
13 state, county, or municipal level of government or their
14 instrumentalities, including governmental corporations. For
15 purposes of this chapter, a public official includes the
16 chairs and vice-chairs or the equivalent offices of each state
17 political party as defined in Section 17-13-40.

18 "(28) REGULATORY BODY. A state agency which issues
19 regulations in accordance with the Alabama Administrative
20 Procedure Act or a state, county, or municipal department,
21 agency, board, or commission which controls, according to rule
22 or regulation, the activities, business licensure, or
23 functions of any group, person, or persons.

1 "(29) REPORTING PERIOD. The reporting official's or
2 employee's fiscal tax year as it applies to his or her United
3 States personal income tax return.

4 "(30) REPORTING YEAR. The reporting official's or
5 employee's fiscal tax year as it applies to his or her United
6 States personal income tax return.

7 "(31) RESPONDENT. A person alleged to have violated
8 a provision of this chapter and against whom a complaint has
9 been filed with the commission.

10 "(32) STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS. A financial
11 disclosure form made available by the commission which shall
12 be completed and filed with the commission prior to April 30
13 of each year covering the preceding calendar year by certain
14 public officials and public employees.

15 "(33) SUPERVISOR. Any person having authority to
16 hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge,
17 assign, or discipline other public employees, or any person
18 responsible to direct them, or to adjust their grievances, or
19 to recommend personnel action, if, in connection with the
20 foregoing, the exercise of the authority is not of a merely
21 routine or clerical nature but requires the use of independent
22 judgment.

23 "(34) THING OF VALUE.

24 " a. Any gift, benefit, favor, service, gratuity,
25 tickets or passes to an entertainment, social or sporting

1 event, unsecured loan, other than those loans and forbearances
2 made in the ordinary course of business, reward, promise of
3 future employment, or honoraria or other item of monetary
4 value.

5 "b. The term, thing of value, does not include any
6 of the following, provided that no particular course of action
7 is required as a condition to the receipt thereof:

8 "1. A contribution reported under Chapter 5 of Title
9 17 or a contribution to an inaugural or transition committee.

10 "2. Anything given by a family member of the
11 recipient under circumstances which make it clear that it is
12 motivated by a family relationship.

13 "3. Anything given by a friend of the recipient
14 under circumstances which make it clear that it is motivated
15 by a friendship and not given because of the recipient's
16 official position. Relevant factors include whether the
17 friendship preexisted the recipient's status as a public
18 employee, public official, or candidate and whether gifts have
19 been previously exchanged between them.

20 "4. Greeting cards, and other items, services with
21 little intrinsic value which are intended solely for
22 presentation, such as plaques, certificates, and trophies,
23 promotional items commonly distributed to the general public,
24 and items or services of de minimis value.

1 "5. Loans from banks and other financial
2 institutions on terms generally available to the public.

3 "6. Opportunities and benefits, including favorable
4 rates and commercial discounts, available to the public or to
5 a class consisting of all government employees.

6 "7. Rewards and prizes given to competitors in
7 contests or events, including random drawings, which are open
8 to the public.

9 "8. Anything that is paid for by a governmental
10 entity or an entity created by a governmental entity to
11 support the governmental entity or secured by a governmental
12 entity under contract, except for tickets to a sporting event
13 offered by an educational institution to anyone other than
14 faculty, staff, or administration of the institution.

15 "9. Anything for which the recipient pays full
16 value.

17 "10. Compensation and other benefits earned from a
18 non-government employer, vendor, client, prospective employer,
19 or other business relationship in the ordinary course of
20 employment or non-governmental business activities under
21 circumstances which make it clear that the thing is provided
22 for reasons unrelated to the recipient's public service as a
23 public official or public employee.

24 "11. Any assistance provided or rendered in
25 connection with a safety or a health emergency.

1 "12. Payment of or reimbursement for actual and
2 necessary transportation and lodging expenses, as well as
3 waiver of registration fees and similar costs, to facilitate
4 the attendance of a public official or public employee, and
5 the spouse of the public official or public employee, at an
6 educational function or widely attended event of which the
7 person is a primary sponsor. This exclusion applies only if
8 the public official or public employee meaningfully
9 participates in the event as a speaker or a panel participant,
10 by presenting information related to his or her agency or
11 matters pending before his or her agency, or by performing a
12 ceremonial function appropriate to his or her official
13 position; or if the public official's or public employee's
14 attendance at the event is appropriate to the performance of
15 his or her official duties or representative function.

16 "13. Payment of or reimbursement for actual and
17 necessary transportation and lodging expenses to facilitate a
18 public official's or public employee's participation in an
19 economic development function.

20 "14. Hospitality, meals, and other food and
21 beverages provided to a public official or public employee,
22 and the spouse of the public official or public employee, as
23 an integral part of an educational function, economic
24 development function, work session, or widely attended event,
25 such as a luncheon, banquet, or reception hosted by a civic

1 club, chamber of commerce, charitable or educational
2 organization, or trade or professional association.

3 "15. Any function or activity pre-certified by the
4 Director of the Ethics Commission as a function that meets any
5 of the above criteria.

6 "16. Meals and other food and beverages provided to
7 a public official or public employee in a setting other than
8 any of the above functions not to exceed for a lobbyist
9 twenty-five dollars (\$25) per meal with a limit of one hundred
10 fifty dollars (\$150) per year; and not to exceed for a
11 principal fifty dollars (\$50) per meal with a limit of two
12 hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per year. Notwithstanding the
13 foregoing, the lobbyist's limits herein shall not count
14 against the principal's limits and likewise, the principal's
15 limits shall not count against the lobbyist's limits.

16 "17. Anything either (i) provided by an association
17 or organization to which the state or, in the case of a local
18 government official or employee, the local government pays
19 annual dues as a membership requirement or (ii) provided by an
20 association or organization to a public official who is a
21 member of the association or organization and, as a result of
22 his or her service to the association or organization, is
23 deemed to be a public official. Further included in this
24 exception is payment of reasonable compensation by a
25 professional or local government association or corporation to

1 a public official who is also an elected officer or director
2 of the professional or local government association or
3 corporation for services actually provided to the association
4 or corporation in his or her capacity as an officer or
5 director.

6 "18. Any benefit received as a discount on
7 accommodations, when the discount is given to the public
8 official because the public official is a member of an
9 organization or association whose entire membership receives
10 the discount.

11 "c. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to
12 limit, prohibit, or otherwise require the disclosure of gifts
13 through inheritance received by a public employee or public
14 official.

15 " (35) VALUE. The fair market price of a like item if
16 purchased by a private citizen. In the case of tickets to
17 social and sporting events and associated passes, the value is
18 the face value printed on the ticket.

19 " (36) WIDELY ATTENDED EVENT. A gathering, dinner,
20 reception, or other event of mutual interest to a number of
21 parties at which it is reasonably expected that more than 12
22 individuals will attend and that individuals with a diversity
23 of views or interest will be present.

24 "§36-25-27.

1 "(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided, any person
2 subject to this chapter who intentionally violates any
3 provision of this chapter other than those for which a
4 separate penalty is provided for in this section shall, upon
5 conviction, be guilty of a Class B felony.

6 "(2) Any person subject to this chapter who violates
7 any provision of this chapter other than those for which a
8 separate penalty is provided for in this section shall, upon
9 conviction, be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

10 "(3) Any person subject to this chapter who
11 knowingly violates any disclosure requirement of this chapter
12 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

13 "(4) Any person who knowingly makes or transmits a
14 false report or complaint pursuant to this chapter shall, upon
15 conviction, be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and shall be
16 liable for the actual legal expenses incurred by the
17 respondent against whom the false report or complaint was
18 filed.

19 "(5) Any person who makes false statements to an
20 employee of the commission or to the commission itself
21 pursuant to this chapter without reason to believe the
22 accuracy of the statements shall, upon conviction, be guilty
23 of a Class A misdemeanor.

1 "(6) Any person subject to this chapter who
2 intentionally violates this chapter relating to secrecy shall,
3 upon conviction, be guilty of a Class C felony.

4 "(7) Any person subject to this chapter who
5 intentionally fails to disclose information required by this
6 chapter shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class A
7 misdemeanor.

8 "(b) ~~The commission, if petitioned or agreed to by a~~
9 ~~respondent and the Attorney General or district attorney~~
10 ~~having jurisdiction, by unanimous vote of the members present,~~
11 If a respondent petitions the commission or the respondent
12 otherwise agrees to an administrative resolution of the
13 complaint filed against him or her, the commission may
14 administratively resolve a complaint filed pursuant to this
15 chapter for minor violations upon a unanimous vote and
16 subsequent approval by the appropriate District Attorney or
17 the Attorney General. The commission may levy impose an
18 administrative penalty not to exceed ~~one thousand dollars~~
19 ~~(\$1,000)~~ six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for any minor violation
20 of this chapter. ~~including, but not limited to, the failure to~~
21 ~~timely file a complete and correct statement of economic~~
22 ~~interests. The commission shall, in~~ In addition to any
23 administrative penalty, the commission shall order restitution
24 in the amount of any economic loss to the state, county, ~~and~~
25 ~~municipal governments and their instrumentalities and such~~

1 ~~restitution shall when collected municipality, or~~
2 ~~instrumentality of the state, county, or municipality, and~~
3 ~~when collected, the restitution shall~~ be paid by the
4 commission, to the entity having the economic loss. ~~In any~~
5 ~~case in which an administrative penalty is imposed, the~~
6 ~~administrative penalty shall not be less than three times the~~
7 ~~amount of any economic loss to the state, county, and~~
8 ~~municipal governments or their instrumentalities or any~~
9 ~~economic gain or benefit to the public official or public~~
10 ~~employee, or whichever sum is greater.~~ The commission, through
11 its attorney, shall institute proceedings to recover any
12 penalties or restitution or other such funds so ordered
13 pursuant to this section which are not paid by, or on behalf
14 of, the public official or public employee or other person who
15 has violated this chapter. Nothing in this section shall be
16 deemed in any manner to prohibit the commission and the
17 respondent from entering into a consent decree settling a
18 complaint which has previously been designated by the
19 commission for administrative resolution, so long as the
20 consent decree is approved by the commission. If the
21 commission, the respondent, and the Attorney General or
22 district attorney having jurisdiction, all concur that a
23 complaint is deemed to be handled administratively, the action
24 shall preclude any criminal prosecution pursuant to this
25 chapter at the state, county, or municipal level.

1 "(c) The enforcement of this chapter shall be vested
2 in the commission; provided, however, nothing in this chapter
3 shall be deemed to limit or otherwise prohibit the Attorney
4 General or the district attorney for the appropriate
5 jurisdiction from enforcing any provision of this chapter as
6 they deem appropriate. In the event the commission, by
7 majority vote, finds that any provision of this chapter has
8 been violated, the alleged violation and any investigation
9 conducted by the commission shall be referred to the district
10 attorney of the appropriate jurisdiction or the Attorney
11 General. The commission shall provide any and all appropriate
12 assistance to such district attorney or Attorney General. Upon
13 the request of such district attorney or the Attorney General,
14 the commission may institute, prosecute, or take such other
15 appropriate legal action regarding such violations, proceeding
16 therein with all rights, privileges, and powers conferred by
17 law upon assistant attorneys general.

18 "(d) Nothing in this chapter limits the power of the
19 state to punish any person for any conduct which otherwise
20 constitutes a crime by statute or at common law.

21 "(e) The penalties prescribed in this chapter do not
22 in any manner limit the power of a legislative body to
23 discipline its own members or to impeach public officials and
24 do not limit the powers of agencies, departments, boards, or

1 commissions to discipline their respective officials, members,
2 or employees.

3 "(f) If a person fails to pay any penalty, fine, or
4 restitution imposed by the commission pursuant to this
5 chapter, the commission may file an action to collect the
6 penalty, fine, or restitution in the District Court or Circuit
7 Court of Montgomery County. The person shall be responsible
8 for paying all costs associated with the collection of the
9 penalty, fine, or restitution.

10 "(f) (g) Each district or circuit court of this
11 state shall have jurisdiction of in all cases and actions
12 relative to judicial review, violations, or relating to the
13 enforcement of this chapter, and the venue of any action
14 pursuant to this chapter shall be in the county in which the
15 alleged violation occurred, or in those cases where the
16 alleged violation or violations occurred outside the State of
17 Alabama or for failure to properly or timely file any form
18 required by the commission, in Montgomery County. In the case
19 of judicial review of any administrative decision of the
20 commission, the commission's order, rule, or decision shall be
21 taken as *prima facie* just and reasonable and the court shall
22 not substitute its judgment for that of the commission as to
23 the weight of the evidence on questions of fact except where
24 otherwise authorized by law.

1 ~~"(g)~~ (h) Any felony prosecution brought pursuant to
2 this chapter shall be commenced within four years after the
3 commission of the offense.

4 ~~"(h)~~ (i) Any misdemeanor prosecution brought
5 pursuant to this chapter shall be commenced within two years
6 after the commission of the offense.

7 ~~"(i)~~ (j) Nothing in this chapter is intended to nor
8 is to be construed as repealing in any way the provisions of
9 any of the criminal laws of this state."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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the Senate, as amended.

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Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

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