

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 105/3) (from Ch. 102, par. 3)

7 Sec. 3. Prohibited interest in contracts.

8 (a) No person holding any office, either by election or  
9 appointment under the laws or Constitution of this State, may  
10 be in any manner financially interested directly in his own  
11 name or indirectly in the name of any other person,  
12 association, trust, or corporation, in any contract or the  
13 performance of any work in the making or letting of which such  
14 officer may be called upon to act or vote. No such officer may  
15 represent, either as agent or otherwise, any person,  
16 association, trust, or corporation, with respect to any  
17 application or bid for any contract or work in regard to which  
18 such officer may be called upon to vote. Nor may any such  
19 officer take or receive, or offer to take or receive, either  
20 directly or indirectly, any money or other thing of value as a  
21 gift or bribe or means of influencing his vote or action in his  
22 official character. Any contract made and procured in violation  
23 hereof is void. This Section shall not apply to any person

1 serving on an advisory panel or commission or to any director  
2 serving on a hospital district board as provided under  
3 subsection (a-5) of Section 13 of the Hospital District Law.

4 (b) However, any elected or appointed member of the  
5 governing body may provide materials, merchandise, property,  
6 services, or labor, subject to the following provisions under  
7 either paragraph (1) or (2):

8 (1) If:

9 A. the contract is with a person, firm,  
10 partnership, association, corporation, or cooperative  
11 association in which such interested member of the  
12 governing body of the municipality has less than a 7  
13 1/2% share in the ownership; and

14 B. such interested member publicly discloses the  
15 nature and extent of his interest prior to or during  
16 deliberations concerning the proposed award of the  
17 contract; and

18 C. such interested member abstains from voting on  
19 the award of the contract, though he shall be  
20 considered present for the purposes of establishing a  
21 quorum; and

22 D. such contract is approved by a majority vote of  
23 those members presently holding office; and

24 E. the contract is awarded after sealed bids to the  
25 lowest responsible bidder if the amount of the contract  
26 exceeds \$1500, or awarded without bidding if the amount

1 of the contract is less than \$1500; and

2 F. the award of the contract would not cause the  
3 aggregate amount of all such contracts so awarded to  
4 the same person, firm, association, partnership,  
5 corporation, or cooperative association in the same  
6 fiscal year to exceed \$25,000.

7 (2) If:

8 A. the award of the contract is approved by a  
9 majority vote of the governing body of the municipality  
10 provided that any such interested member shall abstain  
11 from voting; and

12 B. the amount of the contract does not exceed  
13 \$2,000; and

14 C. the award of the contract would not cause the  
15 aggregate amount of all such contracts so awarded to  
16 the same person, firm, association, partnership,  
17 corporation, or cooperative association in the same  
18 fiscal year to exceed \$4,000; and

19 D. such interested member publicly discloses the  
20 nature and extent of his interest prior to or during  
21 deliberations concerning the proposed award of the  
22 contract; and

23 E. such interested member abstains from voting on  
24 the award of the contract, though he shall be  
25 considered present for the purposes of establishing a  
26 quorum.

1 (b-5) In addition to the above exemptions, any elected or  
2 appointed member of the governing body may provide materials,  
3 merchandise, property, services, or labor if:

4 A. the contract is with a person, firm, partnership,  
5 association, corporation, or cooperative association in  
6 which the interested member of the governing body of the  
7 municipality, advisory panel, or commission has less than a  
8 1% share in the ownership; and

9 B. the award of the contract is approved by a majority  
10 vote of the governing body of the municipality provided  
11 that any such interested member shall abstain from voting;  
12 and

13 C. such interested member publicly discloses the  
14 nature and extent of his interest before or during  
15 deliberations concerning the proposed award of the  
16 contract; and

17 D. such interested member abstains from voting on the  
18 award of the contract, though he shall be considered  
19 present for the purposes of establishing a quorum.

20 (c) A contract for the procurement of public utility  
21 services by a public entity with a public utility company is  
22 not barred by this Section by one or more members of the  
23 governing body of the public entity being an officer or  
24 employee of the public utility company or holding an ownership  
25 interest of no more than 7 1/2% in the public utility company,  
26 or holding an ownership interest of any size if the public

1 entity is a municipality with a population of less than 7,500  
2 and the public utility's rates are approved by the Illinois  
3 Commerce Commission. An elected or appointed member of the  
4 governing body of the public entity having such an interest  
5 shall be deemed not to have a prohibited interest under this  
6 Section.

7 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or  
8 any other law to the contrary, until January 1, 1994, a member  
9 of the city council of a municipality with a population under  
10 20,000 may purchase real estate from the municipality, at a  
11 price of not less than 100% of the value of the real estate as  
12 determined by a written MAI certified appraisal or by a written  
13 certified appraisal of a State certified or licensed real  
14 estate appraiser, if the purchase is approved by a unanimous  
15 vote of the city council members then holding office (except  
16 for the member desiring to purchase the real estate, who shall  
17 not vote on the question).

18 (e) For the purposes of this Section only, a municipal  
19 officer shall not be deemed interested if the officer is an  
20 employee of a company or owns or holds an interest of 1% or  
21 less in the municipal officer's individual name in a company,  
22 or both, that company is involved in the transaction of  
23 business with the municipality, and that company's stock is  
24 traded on a nationally recognized securities market, provided  
25 the interested member: (i) publicly discloses the fact that he  
26 or she is an employee or holds an interest of 1% or less in a

1 company before deliberation of the proposed award of the  
2 contract; (ii) refrains from evaluating, recommending,  
3 approving, deliberating, or otherwise participating in  
4 negotiation, approval, or both, of the contract, work, or  
5 business; (iii) abstains from voting on the award of the  
6 contract though he or she shall be considered present for  
7 purposes of establishing a quorum; and (iv) the contract is  
8 approved by a majority vote of those members currently holding  
9 office.

10 A municipal officer shall not be deemed interested if the  
11 officer owns or holds an interest of 1% or less, not in the  
12 officer's individual name but through a mutual fund or  
13 exchange-traded fund, in a company, that company is involved in  
14 the transaction of business with the municipality, and that  
15 company's stock is traded on a nationally recognized securities  
16 market.

17 (f) Under either of the following circumstances, a  
18 municipal officer may hold a position on the board of a  
19 not-for-profit corporation that is interested in a contract,  
20 work, or business of the municipality:

21 (1) If the municipal officer is appointed by the  
22 governing body of the municipality to represent the  
23 interests of the municipality on a not-for-profit  
24 corporation's board, then the municipal officer may  
25 actively vote on matters involving either that board or the  
26 municipality, at any time, so long as the membership on the

1 not-for-profit board is not a paid position, except that  
2 the municipal officer may be reimbursed by the  
3 non-for-profit board for expenses incurred as the result of  
4 membership on the non-for-profit board.

5 (2) If the municipal officer is not appointed to the  
6 governing body of a not-for-profit corporation by the  
7 governing body of the municipality, then the municipal  
8 officer may continue to serve; however, the municipal  
9 officer shall abstain from voting on any proposition before  
10 the municipal governing body directly involving the  
11 not-for-profit corporation and, for those matters, shall  
12 not be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum of  
13 the municipal governing body.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-277, eff. 1-1-10.)

15 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
16 changing Section 3.1-55-10 as follows:

17 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-55-10)

18 Sec. 3.1-55-10. Interests in contracts.

19 (a) A municipal officer shall not be financially interested  
20 directly in the officer's own name or indirectly in the name of  
21 any other person, association, trust, or corporation, in any  
22 contract, work, or business of the municipality or in the sale  
23 of any article whenever the expense, price, or consideration of  
24 the contract, work, business, or sale is paid either from the

1 treasury or by an assessment levied by statute or ordinance. A  
2 municipal officer shall not be interested, directly or  
3 indirectly, in the purchase of any property that (i) belongs to  
4 the municipality, (ii) is sold for taxes or assessments, or  
5 (iii) is sold by virtue of legal process at the suit of the  
6 municipality. For the purposes of this Section only, however, a  
7 municipal officer shall not be deemed interested if the officer  
8 is an employee of a company or owns or holds an interest of 1%  
9 or less in the municipal officer's individual name in a  
10 company, or both, that company is involved in the transaction  
11 of business with the municipality, and that company's stock is  
12 traded on a nationally recognized securities market, provided  
13 the interested member (i) publicly discloses the fact that he  
14 or she is an employee or holds an interest of 1% or less in a  
15 company before deliberation of the proposed award of the  
16 contract; (ii) refrains from evaluating, recommending,  
17 approving, deliberating, or otherwise participating in the  
18 negotiation, approval, or both, of the contract, work, or  
19 business; (iii) abstains from voting on the award of the  
20 contract though he or she shall be considered present for  
21 purposes of establishing a quorum; and (iv) the contract is  
22 approved by a majority vote of those members currently holding  
23 office.

24 A municipal officer shall not be deemed interested if the  
25 officer owns or holds an interest of 1% or less, not in the  
26 officer's individual name but through a mutual fund or



1 exchange-traded fund, in a company, that company is involved in  
2 the transaction of business with the municipality, and that  
3 company's stock is traded on a nationally recognized securities  
4 market.

5 This Section does not prohibit any person serving on a  
6 municipal advisory panel or commission or nongoverning board or  
7 commission from having an interest in a contract, work, or  
8 business of the municipality unless the municipal officer's  
9 duties include evaluating, recommending, approving, or voting  
10 to recommend or approve the contract, work, or business.

11 (b) Any elected or appointed member of the governing body  
12 may, however, provide materials, merchandise, property,  
13 services, or labor, subject to the following provisions under  
14 either (1) or (2):

15 (1) If:

16 (A) the contract is with a person, firm,  
17 partnership, association, corporation, or cooperative  
18 association in which the interested member of the  
19 governing body of the municipality member has less than  
20 a 7 1/2% share in the ownership;

21 (B) the interested member publicly discloses the  
22 nature and extent of the interest before or during  
23 deliberations concerning the proposed award of the  
24 contract;

25 (C) the interested member abstains from voting on  
26 the award of the contract (though the member shall be

1 considered present for the purposes of establishing a  
2 quorum);

3 (D) the contract is approved by a majority vote of  
4 those members presently holding office;

5 (E) the contract is awarded after sealed bids to  
6 the lowest responsible bidder if the amount of the  
7 contract exceeds \$1,500 (but the contract may be  
8 awarded without bidding if the amount is less than  
9 \$1,500); and

10 (F) the award of the contract would not cause the  
11 aggregate amount of all contracts so awarded to the  
12 same person, firm, association, partnership,  
13 corporation, or cooperative association in the same  
14 fiscal year to exceed \$25,000.

15 (2) If:

16 (A) the award of the contract is approved by a  
17 majority vote of the governing body of the municipality  
18 (provided that the interested member shall abstain  
19 from voting);

20 (B) the amount of the contract does not exceed  
21 \$2,000;

22 (C) the award of the contract would not cause the  
23 aggregate amount of all contracts so awarded to the  
24 same person, firm, association, partnership,  
25 corporation, or cooperative association in the same  
26 fiscal year to exceed \$4,000;

1 (D) the interested member publicly discloses the  
2 nature and extent of his interest before or during  
3 deliberations concerning the proposed award of the  
4 contract; and

5 (E) the interested member abstains from voting on  
6 the award of the contract (though the member shall be  
7 considered present for the purposes of establishing a  
8 quorum).

9 (b-5) In addition to the above exemptions, any elected or  
10 appointed member of the governing body may provide materials,  
11 merchandise, property, services, or labor if:

12 (1) the contract is with a person, firm, partnership,  
13 association, corporation, or cooperative association in  
14 which the interested member of the governing body of the  
15 municipality, advisory panel, or commission has less than a  
16 1% share in the ownership; and

17 (2) the award of the contract is approved by a majority  
18 vote of the governing body of the municipality provided  
19 that any such interested member shall abstain from voting;  
20 and

21 (3) such interested member publicly discloses the  
22 nature and extent of his interest before or during  
23 deliberations concerning the proposed award of the  
24 contract; and

25 (4) such interested member abstains from voting on the  
26 award of the contract, though he shall be considered

1 present for the purposes of establishing a quorum.

2 (c) A contract for the procurement of public utility  
3 services by a municipality with a public utility company is not  
4 barred by this Section by one or more members of the governing  
5 body being an officer or employee of the public utility  
6 company, or holding an ownership interest in no more than 7  
7 1/2% in the public utility company, or holding an ownership  
8 interest of any size if the municipality has a population of  
9 less than 7,500 and the public utility's rates are approved by  
10 the Illinois Commerce Commission. An elected or appointed  
11 member of the governing body or a nongoverning board or  
12 commission having an interest described in this subsection (d)  
13 does not have a prohibited interest under this Section.

14 (d) An officer who violates this Section is guilty of a  
15 Class 4 felony. In addition, any office held by an officer so  
16 convicted shall become vacant and shall be so declared as part  
17 of the judgment of the court.

18 (e) Nothing contained in this Section, including the  
19 restrictions set forth in subsections (b) and (c), shall  
20 preclude a contract of deposit of moneys, loans, or other  
21 financial services by a municipality with a local bank or local  
22 savings and loan association, regardless of whether a member of  
23 the governing body of the municipality is interested in the  
24 bank or savings and loan association as an officer or employee  
25 or as a holder of less than 7 1/2% of the total ownership  
26 interest. A member holding an interest described in this

1 subsection (e) in a contract does not hold a prohibited  
2 interest for purposes of this Act. The interested member of the  
3 governing body must publicly state the nature and extent of the  
4 interest during deliberations concerning the proposed award of  
5 the contract but shall not participate in any further  
6 deliberations concerning the proposed award. The interested  
7 member shall not vote on the proposed award. A member  
8 abstaining from participation in deliberations and voting  
9 under this Section may be considered present for purposes of  
10 establishing a quorum. Award of the contract shall require  
11 approval by a majority vote of those members presently holding  
12 office. Consideration and award of a contract in which a member  
13 is interested may only be made at a regularly scheduled public  
14 meeting of the governing body of the municipality.

15 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or  
16 any other law to the contrary, until January 1, 1994, a member  
17 of the city council of a municipality with a population under  
18 20,000 may purchase real estate from the municipality, at a  
19 price of not less than 100% of the value of the real estate as  
20 determined by a written MAI certified appraisal or by a written  
21 certified appraisal of a State certified or licensed real  
22 estate appraiser, if the purchase is approved by a unanimous  
23 vote of the city council members then holding office (except  
24 for the member desiring to purchase the real estate, who shall  
25 not vote on the question).

26 (g) Under either of the following circumstances, a

1 municipal officer may hold a position on the board of a  
2 not-for-profit corporation that is interested in a contract,  
3 work, or business of the municipality:

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5 governing body of the municipality to represent the  
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9 municipality, at any time, so long as the membership on the  
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11 the municipal officer may be reimbursed by the  
12 not-for-profit board for expenses incurred as the result of  
13 membership on the not-for-profit board.

14 (2) If the municipal officer is not appointed to the  
15 governing body of a not-for-profit corporation by the  
16 governing body of the municipality, then the municipal  
17 officer may continue to serve; however, the municipal  
18 officer shall abstain from voting on any proposition before  
19 the municipal governing body directly involving the  
20 not-for-profit corporation and, for those matters, shall  
21 not be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum of  
22 the municipal governing body.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-277, eff. 1-1-10.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.