
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Senate, March 8, 1973.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 715) of Alan D. Sisitsky and members of the House of Representatives for legislation to clarify the conflict of interest law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3536) of the Common Cause, Ronald A. Pina and other members of the House for a change in the conflict of interest law applicable to public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3954) of the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Paul Maurice Murphy and another for a change in the provisions of the conflict of interest law relative to said agency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4158) of Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., and Chester G. Atkins for legislation to clarify the conflict of interest law and the availability of public records; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5676) of Edward F. Galotti that the Attorney General be required to render certain opinions relative to the conflict of interest laws; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5681) of Frederic W. Schlosstein, Jr., and Alexander Lolos that towns with a population under twenty-five thousand persons be exempt from the provisions of the conflict of interest law; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5684) of James E. Smith and others that certain governmental officials be prohibited from purchasing real estate while holding office, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1534).

For The Committee.

ALAN D. SISITSKY.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 268A of the General Laws is amended by inserting
- 2 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 3A.* No person not a member of a public official's
- 4 immediate family shall, with intent to affect said public offi-
- 5 cial's action in said public capacity, offer or give to such pub-
- 6 lic official directly or indirectly, and no public official shall
- 7 solicit or receive any token of appreciation or gift of value.
- 8 Campaign contributions are not considered to be such token
- 9 of appreciation or gifts.