

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL IF THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES COMPENSATION AT A RATE EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST STATE GRADE LEVEL 16.

(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, "INDIVIDUAL IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH" INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS:

(I) EMPLOYED IN THE OFFICE OF A CLERK OF COURT;

(II) PAID BY A COUNTY TO PERFORM SERVICES IN AN ORPHANS' COURT OR CIRCUIT COURT;

(III) EMPLOYED BY THE ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION;

(IV) EMPLOYED BY THE STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS; OR

(V) EMPLOYED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE.

(E) BICOUNTY COMMISSION MEMBERS.

A MEMBER OF A BICOUNTY COMMISSION IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

(F) EXCEPTIONS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

(1) A STATE OFFICIAL;

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS:

(I) IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH; OR

(II) IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OR AN EXECUTIVE UNIT:

1. FOR 6 MONTHS OR LESS; OR

2. LESS THAN FULL-TIME; AND

(3) A PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBER AT A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

(I) AS TO SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, ONLY WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL IS ACTING IN THE CAPACITY OF A FACULTY MEMBER; AND

(II) AS TO ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL ALSO:

1. IS EMPLOYED IN ANOTHER POSITION THAT CAUSES THE INDIVIDUAL TO BE DESIGNATED AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL; OR

2. DIRECTLY PROCURES, DIRECTLY INFLUENCES, OR OTHERWISE DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE FORMATION OR EXECUTION OF ANY STATE CONTRACT, PURCHASE, OR SALE, AS ESTABLISHED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY