

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY
CODE OF ETHICS

Pursuant to Chapter 182 of the Laws of 1971 (N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq.) known as the "New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law," We, The County Board of Elections and Commissioner of Registration of Middlesex County, New Jersey, set forth and promulgate the following CODE OF ETHICS to govern and guide the conduct of officers and employees in the Office of the County board of Elections and Commissioner of Registration:

1. No officer or employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties in the public interest.
2. No officer or employee shall engage in any particular business, profession, trade or occupation which is subject to licensing or regulation by a specific agency of State Government without promptly filing notice of such activity with the Superintendent of Elections and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards. This paragraph shall not be deemed to require notice of a motor vehicle license issued for non-commercial purposes.
3. No officer or employee shall use or attempt to use his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for himself or herself or for others.
4. No officer or employee shall act in his or her official capacity in any matter wherein he or she has a direct or indirect personal financial interest that might reasonably be expected to impair his or her objectivity or independence of judgment.
5. No officer or employee shall undertake any employment or service, whether compensated or not, which might reasonably be expected to impair his or her objectivity and independence of judgment in the exercise of his or her official duties.
6. No officer or employee shall accept any gift, favor, service or other thing of value under circumstances from which it might be reasonably inferred: - that such a gift, service or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing him or her in the discharge of his or her official duties.
7. No officer or employee shall knowingly act in any way that might reasonably be expected to create an impression or suspicion among the public having knowledge of his or her acts that he or she may be engaged in conduct violative of his or her trust as a State officer or employee.
8. No officer or employee shall use or appear to use information obtained in the performance of his or her duties and not available to the public for personal gain, direct or indirect.

Violations of this Code of Ethics shall be cause for removal, suspension, demotion or other disciplinary action by the County Board of Elections, who pursuant to 19:32-2 has the power for such removal or discipline. No action for removal or discipline shall be taken except upon the referral or approval of the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.

I hereby declare that the Codes of Ethics set forth herein is intended to be supplementary to all standards provided in Chapter 182 of the Laws of 1971 and further that this Code, upon becoming effective pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 182 of the Laws of 1971 (N.J.S.A. 52:13D-23) shall supersede all previously adopted Codes of Ethics of the Middlesex County Board of Elections.

Dated: October 26, 1978

Magdalen Takacs, Chairman

Catherine Colaprico, Secretary and
Commissioner of Registration

Robert Brown, Commissioner

Stanley Starego, Commissioner