

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**46-233. Contracts involving state officer or employee or legislator; prohibited acts, exceptions; challenging constitutionality of legislative action or enactment by legislator; prohibited acts.** (a) (1) No state officer or employee shall in the capacity as such officer or employee be substantially involved in the preparation of or participate in the making of a contract with any person or business by which such officer or employee is employed or in whose business such officer or employee or any member of such officer's or employee's immediate family has a substantial interest and no such person or business shall enter into any contract where any state officer or employee, acting in such capacity, is a signatory to, has been substantially involved in the preparation of or is a participant in the making of such contract and is employed by such person or business or such officer or employee or any member of such officer's or employee's immediate family has a substantial interest in such person or business.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whenever any individual has participated as a state officer or employee in the making of any contract with any person or business, such individual shall not accept employment with such person or business as an employee, independent contractor or subcontractor until two years after performance of the contract is completed or until two years after the individual terminates employment as a state officer or employee, whichever is sooner. This prohibition on accepting employment shall not apply in any case where a state officer or employee who participated in making a contract while employed by the state of Kansas is laid off or scheduled to be laid off from any state position on or after July 1, 2002. As used in this subsection (a)(2), "laid off" and "layoff" mean a state officer or employee in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act, being laid off under K.S.A. 75-2948, and amendments thereto.

(b) No individual shall, while a legislator or within one year after the expiration of a term as legislator, be interested pecuniarily, either directly or indirectly, in any contract with the state, which contract is funded in whole or in part by any appropriation or is authorized by any law passed during such term, except that the prohibition of this subsection (b) shall not apply to any contract interest in relation to which a disclosure statement is filed as provided by K.S.A. 46-239, and amendments thereto.

(c) No individual, while a legislator or within one year after the expiration of a term as a legislator, shall represent any person in a court proceeding attacking any legislative action taken or enactment made during any term such individual served as a legislator as being unconstitutional because of error in the legislative process with respect to such action or enactment unless such legislator voted no upon the enactment of the measure and declared on the record, during such term, that such legislation was unconstitutional. The prohibition of this subsection (c) shall not apply to a current or former legislator charged with a violation of such legislative action or enactment.

(d) Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to the following:

(1) Contracts let after competitive bidding has been advertised for by published notice; and

(2) contracts for property or services for which the price or rate is fixed by law.

(e) When used in this section:

(1) "Substantial interest" shall have the same meaning ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 46-229, and amendments thereto, and any such interest held within the preceding 12 months of the act or event of participating in the preparation of making a contract.

(2) "Substantially involved in the preparation or participate in the making of a contract" means having approved or disapproved a contract or having provided significant factual or specific information or advice or recommendations in relation to the negotiated terms of the contract.

**History:** L. 1974, ch. 353, § 19; L. 1975, ch. 272, § 6; L. 1983, ch. 172, § 9; L. 1991, ch. 150, § 25; L. 1995, ch. 77, § 1; L. 1996, ch. 255, § 9; L. 1997, ch. 155, § 2; L. 2000, ch. 152, § 8; L. 2003, ch. 149, § 32; July 1.