

##Conflict of Interest Prevention Act

###An Act to further prevent conflicts of interest during elections, and to expand on the provisions of the Hatch Act

Whereas the Hatch Act of 1939 was passed to counter a blurring of the lines between the state and political parties,

Whereas the Act has been effective but does not go far enough to fully separate the state and political parties,

Whereas it is now necessary to expand on those provisions to more accurately reflect on today's political climate,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION I: SHORT TITLE

(a) This legislation may be referred to as the Conflict of Interest Prevention Act.

(b) It may be abbreviated as CIPA when deemed necessary by members of Congress and the general public.

SECTION II: EMPLOYEES COVERED

(a) [5 U.S. Code § 7323](#)(b)(2)(B)(i) is amended to add the following:

>**(XV)** the United States Postal Service

>**(XVI)** the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

(b) Both aforementioned agencies are directed to update employees on the passage of this bill within 90 days of its passing via their websites and internally circulated memoranda.

SECTION III: PENALTIES

(a) [5 U.S. Code § 7326](#) is amended as follows:

>**(1)** 5 U.S. Code § 7326(1) as follows:

>> disciplinary action consisting of removal, reduction in grade, debarment from Federal employment for a period not to exceed 5 7 years, suspension, or reprimand;

>**(2)** 5 U.S. Code § 7326(2) as follows:

>>an assessment of a civil penalty not to exceed ~~\$1,000, or,~~ *\$5000 in the case of an employee not appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,*

>**(3)** 5 U.S. Code § 7326 (3) is renumbered as 5 U.S. Code § 7326 (4) and is edited as follows:

>>any combination of the penalties described in paragraph (1),~~and~~ (2) or (3)

>**(4)** A new paragraph, 5 U.S. Code § 7326 (3) is added as follows:

>> a sentence of up to 5 years in a Low-security Federal Correctional Institution in the case of an employee appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

****SECTION IV: ENACTMENT****

****(a)**** This Bill will come into effect 90 days after being signed into law.

****(b)**** If any part of this bill is deemed to be unconstitutional, the rest remains enacted.

****(c)**** The provisions of this bill shall supersede any conflicting legislation.

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