

26 (1) For purposes of this section:

27 (a) "Appointee" means an employee whose salary, wages, pay, or compensation is paid
28 from public funds.

29 (b) "Chief administrative officer" means the person who has ultimate responsibility for
30 the operation of the department or agency of the state or a political subdivision.

31 (c) "Public officer" means a person who holds a position that is compensated by public
32 funds.

33 (d) "Relative" means a father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother,
34 ~~grandfather, grandmother,~~ uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, ~~grandson, granddaughter,~~ first cousin,
35 mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, ~~Œ→ [f] or [f] ←Œ~~
35a daughter-in-law ~~Œ→ [z~~
36 ~~stepdaughter, or stepson] ←Œ~~ .

37 (2) (a) No public officer may employ, appoint, or vote for or recommend the
38 appointment of a relative in or to any position or employment, when the salary, wages, pay, or
39 compensation of the appointee will be paid from public funds and the appointee will be directly
40 supervised by a relative, except as follows:

41 (i) the appointee is eligible or qualified to be employed by a department or agency of
42 the state or a political subdivision of the state as a result of his compliance with civil service
43 laws or regulations, or merit system laws or regulations;

44 (ii) the appointee will be compensated from funds designated for vocational training;

45 (iii) the appointee will be employed for a period of 12 weeks or less;

46 (iv) the appointee is a volunteer as defined by the employing entity; or

47 (v) the chief administrative officer determines that the appointee is the only or best
48 person available, qualified, or eligible for the position~~[-or]~~.

49 ~~[(vi) the chief administrative officer determines that the public officer is the only~~
50 ~~person available or best qualified to perform supervisory functions for the appointee.]~~

51 (b) No public officer may directly supervise an appointee who is a relative when the
52 salary, wages, pay, or compensation of the relative will be paid from public funds, except as
53 follows:

54 (i) the relative was appointed or employed before the public officer assumed his
55 position, if the relative's appointment did not violate the provisions of this chapter in effect at
56 the time of his appointment;