

1 **ETHICS REVISIONS**

2 2016 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund**

5 House Sponsor: Kay L. McIff

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill clarifies the scope of the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ clarifies that the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act does not apply to  
13 a conflict of interest that exists solely due to the fact that one individual holds more  
14 than one government position.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **67-16-11**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 92

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23 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

24 Section 1. Section **67-16-11** is amended to read:

25 **67-16-11. Applicability of provisions.**

26 (1) As used in this section, "government position" means the position of a legislator,  
27 public officer, or public employee.



28           (2) The provisions of this chapter:  
29           (a) apply to all public officers and public employees[-]; and  
30           (b) do not apply to a conflict of interest that exists between two or more government  
31 positions held by the same individual, unless the conflict of interest is also due to a personal  
32 interest of the individual that is not shared by the general public.

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