Absolute Ethics Act

A Legislative Mandate for Universal Integrity

OVERVIEW

The Absolute Ethics Act establishes a foundational, zero-tolerance standard for public service designed to end systemic conflicts of interest and the conversion of public office into private wealth. This Act works in conjunction with the **Federal Accountability and Trust Force (FATF)**, which is the necessary enforcement body.

TITLE I: ENDING THE REVOLVING DOOR (LIFETIME LOBBYING BAN)

SECTION I – PURPOSE

To permanently end the institutionalized corruption and conflict of interest created by the "revolving door," ensuring that public office is an act of pure service, not a profitable career path.

SECTION II – FINDINGS

Congress finds the following:

1. The practice of former Federal Officials becoming lobbyists immediately after leaving office is a direct cause of public distrust, partisan gridlock, and systemic corruption.
2. Existing "cooling-off periods" are structurally flawed, easily bypassed, and serve only to legitimize the revolving door rather than end it.

SECTION III – DEFINITIONS

- **Federal Official (Official):** Any individual elected to or appointed by the President to a position requiring Senate confirmation (Executive Branch), or any individual elected to the House of Representatives or the Senate (Legislative Branch).
- **Lobbying Entity:** Any person or organization required to register under the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA) of 1995.
- **True Consequence:** The criminal penalties outlined in Title III of this Act, including a permanent ban from holding any future public office and mandatory forfeiture of all pension related to the office.

SECTION IV – LIFETIME BAN MANDATE

401. Prohibition on Post-Service Lobbying (Legally Hardened)

1. **Mandate:** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who serves as a Federal Official on or after the effective date of this Act is **permanently and perpetually prohibited from attempting to influence, petition, or lobby the specific branch of**

government (Legislative or Executive) in which they served. This prohibition applies to any activity requiring registration as a Lobbying Entity at the federal level.
2. **Universal Application:** This prohibition applies regardless of the length of service or the office held, and shall take effect immediately upon the cessation of the Official's public service.

402. Prohibition on Lobbying Employment

1. **Mandate:** No Lobbying Entity may hire, retain, or pay any former Federal Official if that employment involves lobbying the prohibited branch of government defined in Section 401.1.

TITLE II: FULL FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY (THE FATF STANDARD)

SECTION VI – PURPOSE

To establish a non-negotiable standard of total financial transparency for Federal Officials and their immediate families, eliminating all avenues for hidden wealth or non-disclosed conflicts of interest. This standard is mandatory for holding public office.

SECTION VIII – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE MANDATE (REVISED)

801. Condition of Service: Full Disclosure (Restricted Scope)

1. **Mandate:** Any individual seeking to serve or currently serving as a Federal Official must provide the FATF with written, irrevocable authorization to access all financial information for themselves, their **immediate spouse, and all legal dependents.** Disclosure for non-dependent, adult children is strictly prohibited under this Act.
2. **Scope of Authorization:** This authorization shall include, but not be limited to, full, read-only access to all domestic and international bank accounts, brokerage accounts, trusts, limited partnerships, and asset holding corporations.
3. **Real-Time Data Feed:** Financial institutions are mandated to provide the FATF with a secure, real-time data feed (within 24 hours of transaction processing) of all account activity for authorized Officials and their Immediate Family.

803. Zero-Tolerance for Insider Trading

1. **Mandate:** Any Federal Official and their Immediate Family are permanently prohibited from trading any stocks, bonds, commodities, or derivatives based on non-public information obtained through their position.
2. **Auditable Delay:** All securities trades conducted by an Official or their Immediate Family must be pre-cleared by the FATF and are subject to an auditable 90-day delay from the date the trade decision is submitted to the FATF.

3. **Blind Trust Requirement:** All existing stock portfolios must be moved into a qualified Blind Trust within 90 days of the Official taking office.

TITLE III: TRUE CONSEQUENCE (THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES) (REVISED)

SECTION X – PURPOSE

To establish non-negotiable, mandatory accountability for violations of public trust, ensuring that the **True Consequence** for ethical failures is absolute, permanent, and cannot be mitigated by political influence.

SECTION XI – VIOLATION OF TITLE I (LIFETIME LOBBYING BAN)

1101. Statutory Offense: Felony Misconduct

1. Any former Federal Official who knowingly violates any provision of Title I shall be guilty of a Class B Felony (Misconduct in Public Service).
2. **Mandatory Fine:** A non-negotiable fine shall be levied equal to the greater of **$750,000 USD** or four times the total compensation received for the prohibited activity.
3. **Statutory Sentencing Guideline (Judicial Accountability):** A **Statutory Sentencing Guideline of ten (10) years imprisonment** is established. The sentencing judge shall adhere to this guideline unless a finding of fact is entered into the public record demonstrating that mitigating factors substantially outweigh the statutory requirement. In no case shall the sentence be less than five (5) years.
4. **Permanent Forfeiture:** The convicted Official shall face immediate and permanent forfeiture of all federal pension and deferred compensation.

1102. Judicial Review of Legal Loopholes

1. **Plea Bargains:** Any proposed plea agreement must be submitted to the presiding Federal Judge for **Judicial Review and Approval**. The Judge shall only approve the plea upon a finding that the agreement serves the paramount public interest (e.g., securing critical testimony against a larger corruption ring).
2. **Statute of Limitations:** The Statute of Limitations for offenses under Title I shall be extended to **twenty (20) years**.

SECTION XII – VIOLATION OF TITLE II (FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY & INSIDER TRADING)

1201. Statutory Offense: Felony Corruption

1. Any Federal Official who knowingly violates the mandatory disclosure or insider trading prohibitions shall be guilty of a Class A Felony (Corruption in Public Service).

2. **Mandatory Fine:** A non-negotiable fine shall be levied equal to the greater of **$2,000,000 USD** or six times the total illegal gain or loss avoided.
3. **Statutory Sentencing Guideline (Judicial Accountability):** A **Statutory Sentencing Guideline of fifteen (15) years imprisonment** is established. The sentencing judge shall adhere to this guideline unless a finding of fact is entered into the public record demonstrating that mitigating factors substantially outweigh the statutory requirement. In no case shall the sentence be less than eight (8) years.
4. **Permanent Removal and Ban:** Upon conviction, the Official shall be immediately and permanently removed from office and face an **irrevocable lifetime ban** on holding any future public office.

SECTION XIII – ENFORCEMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE

1. **Enforcement:** Enforcement of all provisions of this Act shall be the explicit responsibility of the **Federal Accountability and Trust Force (FATF)**.
2. **Transfer to the Public Trust Fund:** All forfeited fines and seized assets shall be transferred directly to the **Public Trust Fund** to reduce the national debt and fund initiatives under the OBBB+ Act.
3. **Effective Date:** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2029.