

The Legislative Accountability and Citizen Protection Act

(The “Uncomfortable Chair” Reform)

Purpose

To eliminate professional political classes, neutralize corporate influence, and incentivize the voluntary disclosure of systemic corruption, including identification of culpable actors within government.

Section I: Active Compensation and Public Alignment

The Minimum Wage Cap:

The annual salary of any elected official shall be tied directly to the minimum wage pay rate for the state or district they represent.

Prohibition of Perquisites:

All taxpayer-funded luxury perks—including premium healthcare plans, private vehicles, catered meals, and leadership stipends—are revoked during active service. Politicians shall utilize the Healthy Indiana Plan (aka Medicaid) for healthcare coverage (if they do not have their own private health coverage) and the same other public services as their constituents, ensuring alignment with those they serve and reducing opportunities for exculpatory privilege.

Section II: The Iron Recusal and Financial Isolation

The Conflict Trigger:

An automatic legislative freeze is triggered if an official holds a personal financial interest (including stocks, bonds, or real estate) or has accepted campaign contributions from any entity impacted by a pending bill.

Mandatory Disqualification:

Any official meeting the conflict criteria is legally barred from:

Drafting or sponsoring the legislation

Participating in committee debates or public hearings

Casting a vote on the final bill

Penalties for Violation:

Attempting to influence legislation while holding an unexcused conflict of interest shall result in immediate forfeiture of office and a permanent ban from public service, with the official formally designated as the culprit responsible for the violation.

Section III: The Honest Resignation Incentive

To encourage career politicians to vacate power voluntarily, the state establishes the Truth-in-Government Parachute.

The Exit Benefit:

Any elected official who resigns prior to the end of their term shall receive a lifelong pension equivalent to the state average and full, lifetime healthcare coverage.

The Transparency Condition:

To trigger these benefits, the resigning official must submit to a Public Disclosure Forum. Under a binding grant of full legal immunity, the official must testify openly in a live-streamed public hearing regarding:

- The names of all lobbyists, corporations, or special interest groups that attempted to influence their votes.

- The mechanics of any insider trading, dark-money bundling, or backroom deals they witnessed or participated in.

- The specific legislative favors requested by campaign donors.

- This testimony must include all inculpatory details necessary to identify systemic culpability.

Public Record:

Failure to provide complete, verifiable, and unvarnished testimony voids all retirement benefits, returning the individual to the standard public grid.