



# Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

## 1973 CHAPTER 65

### PART V

#### INTERNAL ORGANISATION

##### *Staff*

#### **68 Disclosure by officers of interest in contracts.**

- (1) If it comes to the knowledge of an officer employed whether under this Act or any other enactment, by a local authority that a contract in which he has any pecuniary interest, whether direct or indirect (not being a contract to which he is himself a party), has been, or is proposed to be, entered into by the authority or any committee thereof, he shall, as soon as practicable, give notice in writing to the authority of the fact that he is interested therein.

For the purposes of this section, an officer shall be treated as having indirectly a pecuniary interest in a contract or proposed contract if he would have been so treated by virtue of section 39 of this Act had he been a member of the authority.

- (2) An officer of a local authority shall not, under colour of his office or employment, accept any fee or reward whatsoever other than his proper remuneration.
- (3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) or (2) above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F1</sup>level 4 on the standard scale].
- (4) References in this section to a local authority shall include references to a joint committee appointed under section 57 of this Act or any other enactment.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 289F](#), [289G](#) (as inserted by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\)](#), [s. 54](#))

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** [S. 68](#) applied (9. 5. 1991) by Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Act 1991 (c. civ), s. 1 Sch. Pt. III s.9

[S. 68](#) applied (*temp.* from 6.4.1995 until 1.4.1996) by [S.I. 1995/789](#), art. 2, [Sch. para. 3](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 7 para. 7(3) inserted by [1989 c. 42 Sch. 11 para. 36](#)