

(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations.)

**§ 18706. Governmental Decision: Segmentation.**

(a) An agency may segment a decision in which a public official has a financial interest, to allow participation by the official, provided all of the following conditions apply:

(1) The decision in which the official has a financial interest can be broken down into separate decisions that are not inextricably interrelated to the decision in which the official has a disqualifying financial interest;

(2) The decision in which the official has a financial interest is segmented from the other decisions;

(3) The decision in which the official has a financial interest is considered first and a final decision is reached by the agency without the disqualified official's participation in any way; and

(4) Once the decision in which the official has a financial interest has been made, the disqualified public official's participation does not result in a reopening of, or otherwise financially affect, the decision from which the official was disqualified.

(b) For purposes of this regulation, decisions are “inextricably interrelated” when the result of one decision will effectively determine, affirm, nullify, or alter the result of another decision.

(c) Budget Decisions and General Plan Adoption or Amendment Decisions Affecting an Entire Jurisdiction: Once all the separate decisions related to a budget or general plan affecting the entire jurisdiction have been finalized, the public official may participate in the final vote to adopt or reject the agency's budget or to adopt, reject, or amend the general plan.

COMMENT: This regulation implements the segmentation principle outlined in the Commission's opinion *In re Owen* (1976) 2 FPPC Ops. 77.

Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 87100 and 87103, Government Code.

## HISTORY

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2. Repealer and new section filed 11-23-98; operative 11-23-98 pursuant to the 1974 version of Government Code section 11380.2 and title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 18312(d) and (e) (Register 98, No. 48).
3. Editorial correction of History 2 (Register 2000, No. 25).
4. Designation of first paragraph as subsection (a) and new subsections (b)-(c) filed 1-22-2002; operative 2-21-2002 (Register 2002, No. 4).
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