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Page 1, strike line 1 and all that follows and insert the following:

1    **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2        This Act may be cited as the “Restore Trust in Gov-  
3    ernment Act”.

4 SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE AND OWNERSHIP OF  
5 COVERED INVESTMENTS.

(a) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

## SUBCHAPTER IV. RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE AND OWNERSHIP OF COVERED INVESTMENTS

13151. Definitions.

13152. Trade and ownership of covered investments.

13153. Penalties.

9 (b) RESTRICTIONS.—Chapter 131 of title 5, United  
10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end a new sub-  
11 chapter:

12 “SUBCHAPTER IV—RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE  
13 AND OWNERSHIP OF COVERED INVESTMENTS  
14 “§ 13151. Definitions

15 “In this subchapter:

1 “(1) COMMODITY.—The term ‘commodity’—

2 “(A) has the meaning given the term in  
3 section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7  
4 U.S.C. 1a); and

5 “(B) does not include a precious metal (as  
6 defined in section 1027.100 of title 31, Code of  
7 Federal Regulations).

8 “(2) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘cov-  
9 ered individual’ means any of the following:

10 “(A) A Member of Congress, as defined in  
11 section 13101.

12 “(B) A dependent child (as defined in sec-  
13 tion 13101) or a spouse of a Member of Con-  
14 gress.

15 “(C) A trustee of a trust in which an indi-  
16 vidual described in subparagraph (A) or (B)  
17 has a beneficial interest in the principal or in-  
18 come of the trust as described in section  
19 1403(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
20 1986.

21 “(D) The President, or the spouse or a de-  
22 pendent child (as defined in section 13101) of  
23 the President.

1           “(E) The Vice President, or the spouse or  
2           a dependent child (as defined in section 13101)  
3           of the Vice President.

4           “(3) COVERED INVESTMENT.—The term ‘cov-  
5           ered investment’—

6           “(A) means an investment in a security, a  
7           commodity, a future, or any comparable eco-  
8           nomic interest acquired through synthetic  
9           means, such as the use of a derivative, includ-  
10          ing an option, warrant, or other similar means;  
11          and

12          “(B) does not include—

13               “(i) a widely held investment fund de-  
14               scribed in section 13104(f)(8) that is di-  
15               versified and publicly traded on a national  
16               or regional stock exchange;

17               “(ii) a United States Treasury bill,  
18               note, or bond;

19               “(iii) a State or municipal government  
20               bill, note, or bond;

21               “(iv) any compensation received by a  
22               spouse or a dependent child described in  
23               paragraph (2) from an employer of the  
24               spouse or dependent child;

1 “(v) an interest in a small business  
2 concern and, in the case of an investment  
3 in a family farm or ranch that qualifies as  
4 an interest in a small business concern, a  
5 future or commodity directly related to the  
6 farming activities and products of the farm  
7 or ranch;

8 “(vi) an interest in a limited liability  
9 company created for the sole purpose of  
10 purchasing or holding real estate that  
11 serves as the personal residences of the  
12 Member of Congress;

13 “(vii) any share of Settlement Com-  
14 mon Stock issued under section 7(g)(1)(A)  
15 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
16 Act (43 U.S.C. 1606(g)(1)(A)); or

17 “(viii) any share of Settlement Com-  
18 mon Stock, as defined in section 3 of the  
19 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
20 U.S.C. 1602).

21 “(4) DIVERSIFIED.—The term ‘diversified’,  
22 with respect to an investment fund, means such  
23 fund does not have a stated policy of concentrating  
24 its investments in any industry, business, single  
25 country other than the United States, or bonds of a

1 single State within the United States except for the  
2 State in which the Member of Congress resides.

3 “(5) FUTURE.—The term ‘future’ means a fi-  
4 nancial contract obligating the buyer to purchase an  
5 asset or the seller to sell an asset, such as a physical  
6 commodity or a financial investment, at a predeter-  
7 mined future date and price.

8 “(6) SECURITY.—The term ‘security’ has the  
9 meaning given the term in section 3(a) of the Secu-  
10 rities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)).

11 “(7) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term  
12 ‘small business concern’ has the meaning given that  
13 term under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15  
14 U.S.C. 632).

15 “(8) SUPERVISING ETHICS OFFICE.—The term  
16 ‘supervising ethics office’ has the meaning given the  
17 term in section 13101.

18 **“§ 13152. Trade and ownership of covered invest-**  
19 **ments**

20 “(a) CONDUCT DURING FEDERAL SERVICE.—Except  
21 as described in subsection (b)(1)(B) and subsections (e)  
22 through (g), no covered individual may, directly or indi-  
23 rectly, own or trade a covered investment.

24 “(b) COMPLIANCE.—

1           “(1) REQUIREMENT.—To comply with sub-  
2       section (a)—

3           “(A) a covered individual may not pur-  
4       chase a covered investment; and

5           “(B) a covered individual shall divest of  
6       any covered investment by the effective date es-  
7       tablished in paragraph (2) at fair market value.

8           “(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The effective date is  
9       established as follows:

10          “(A) 180 days for an individual who is a  
11       covered individual on the date of enactment of  
12       the Restore Trust in Government Act.

13          “(B) 90 days within the date on which an  
14       individual becomes a covered individual if such  
15       date occurs after the date of enactment of the  
16       Restore Trust in Government Act.

17       “(c) CERTIFICATES OF DIVESTITURE.—

18           “(1) APPLICATION OF CERTIFICATE OF DIVES-  
19       TITURE PROGRAM.—For purposes of section 1043 of  
20       the Internal Revenue Code of 1986—

21           “(A) this section shall be treated as a Fed-  
22       eral conflict of interest statute;

23           “(B) any covered individual described in  
24       section 13151(2)(A) shall be treated as an eligi-

1           ble person described in section 1043(b)(1)(A) of  
2           such Code; and

3           “(C) any spouse or dependent child de-  
4           scribed in section 13151(2)(B) shall be treated  
5           as an eligible person described in section  
6           1043(b)(1)(B) of such Code.

7           “(2) ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF DIVESTI-  
8           TURE.—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each supervising eth-  
10          ics office shall issue a certificate of divestiture  
11          to each covered individual required to divest  
12          under this subchapter upon submission of proof  
13          of compliance by such individual with the re-  
14          quirements to divest or any extensions granted  
15          by the supervising ethics office.

16          “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—Such certificate shall  
17          include an identification of each specific prop-  
18          erty eligible for the application of the certificate  
19          of divestiture program as determined by the su-  
20          pervising ethics office.

21          “(d) INCOME TAX.—A loss from a transaction or  
22          holding involving a covered financial instrument that is  
23          conducted in violation of this section may not be deducted  
24          from the amount of income tax owed by the covered indi-  
25          vidual.

1       “(e) OCCUPATIONAL EXCEPTION.—A spouse or de-  
2       pendent child of a covered individual as described in sec-  
3       tion 13151(2)(B) may trade any covered investment if  
4       such covered investment is not owned by a covered indi-  
5       vidual and if such trade is performed as a function of the  
6       primary occupation of the spouse or dependent child.

7       “(f) TRUSTS.—

8               “(1) QUALIFIED BLIND TRUST.—Any covered  
9       investment held in a qualified blind trust as defined  
10      in section 13104(f)(3) shall be divested in accord-  
11      ance with subsection (b)(1)(B) by the effective date  
12      established in subsection (b)(2).

13              “(2) FAMILY TRUST.—A supervising ethics of-  
14      fice may grant an exemption for covered investments  
15      held in a family trust only if—

16              “(A) no covered individual—

17                      “(i) is a grantor of the family trust;

18                      “(ii) contributed any covered invest-  
19                      ment to the family trust; or

20                      “(iii) has any authority over a trustee  
21                      of the family trust, including the authority  
22                      to appoint, replace, or direct the actions of  
23                      such a trustee; and

24              “(B) the grantor of the family trust is or  
25      was a family member of the covered individual.



1           “(3) REQUESTS.—A covered individual seeking  
2           an exemption under paragraph (2) shall submit to  
3           the applicable supervising ethics office a request for  
4           the exemption, in writing, certifying that the condi-  
5           tions described in that paragraph are met.

6           “(g) ASSETS ACQUIRED IN SPECIAL CIR-  
7 CUMSTANCES.—In the event that a covered individual ac-  
8 quires a covered investment after the date of enactment  
9 of the Restore Trust in Government Act other than by  
10 purchase (such as by marriage, inheritance, divorce settle-  
11 ment, or other circumstance), the covered individual shall  
12 have 90 days from the date on which such investment was  
13 acquired to divest such covered investment at fair market  
14 value.

15          “(h) EXTENSION.—A supervising ethics office may  
16 grant a covered individual an extension of time to comply  
17 with a divestment deadline under this subchapter if a cov-  
18 ered investment cannot be divested by such deadline due  
19 to low liquidity, vesting schedules, or contractual restric-  
20 tions.

21          “(i) INTERPRETATIVE GUIDANCE.—The supervising  
22 ethics office shall issue interpretive guidance on any rel-  
23 evant term not defined in this subchapter.

24   **“§ 13153. Penalties**

25          “(a) IN GENERAL.—

1           “(1) PENALTIES.—Any covered individual who  
2           violates the restrictions on trading or ownership of  
3           covered investments in section 13152 shall, at the  
4           direction of the supervising ethics office—

5                   “(A) pay a fee equal to ten percent of the  
6           value of the covered investment; and

7                   “(B) disgorge the profits of any trans-  
8           action that violates the provisions of this sub-  
9           chapter.

10           “(2) PAYMENT OF PENALTY TO TREASURY.—A  
11           penalty imposed under paragraph (1)(B) shall be  
12           payable into the Treasury of the United States.

13           “(b) PAYMENT RESTRICTIONS.—A Member of Con-  
14           gress may not pay any of the penalties under this section  
15           by using amounts from the following sources:

16                   “(1) The Members’ Representational Allowance.

17                   “(2) The Senators’ Official Personnel and Of-  
18           fice Expense Account.

19                   “(3) Any contribution (as defined in section  
20           301(8) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
21           1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101(8))) accepted as a can-  
22           didate, and any other donation received as support  
23           for activities of the individual as a holder of Federal  
24           office.

1       “(c) PUBLICATION.—Each supervising ethics office  
2 shall publish on a publicly available website a description  
3 of—

4               “(1) each fine assessed by the supervising eth-  
5 ics office pursuant to this section;

6               “(2) the reason why each such fine was as-  
7 sessed; and

8               “(3) the result of each assessment.”.

