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**TITLE 5. LOCAL AGENCIES [50001 - 57607]** ( Title 5 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )

**DIVISION 2. CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER AGENCIES [53000 - 55821]** ( Division 2 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )

**PART 1. POWERS AND DUTIES COMMON TO CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER AGENCIES [53000 - 54999.7]** ( Part 1 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )

**CHAPTER 2. Officers and Employees [53200 - 53299]** ( Chapter 2 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )

**ARTICLE 2.6. Abuse of Office [53243 - 53244]** ( Article 2.6 added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 692, Sec. 7. )

**53243.** On or after January 1, 2012, any contract executed or renewed between a local agency and an officer or employee of a local agency that provides paid leave salary offered by the local agency to the officer or employee pending an investigation shall require that any salary provided for that purpose be fully reimbursed if the officer or employee is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his or her office or position.

(Added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 692, Sec. 7. (AB 1344) Effective January 1, 2012.)

**53243.1.** On or after January 1, 2012, any contract executed or renewed between a local agency and an officer or employee of a local agency that provides funds for the legal criminal defense of an officer or employee shall require that any funds provided for that purpose be fully reimbursed to the local agency if the officer or employee is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his or her office or position.

(Added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 692, Sec. 7. (AB 1344) Effective January 1, 2012.)

**53243.2.** On or after January 1, 2012, any contract of employment between an employee and a local agency employer shall include a provision which provides that, regardless of the term of the contract, if the contract is terminated, any cash settlement related to the termination that an employee may receive from the local agency shall be fully reimbursed to the local agency if the employee is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his or her office or position.

(Added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 692, Sec. 7. (AB 1344) Effective January 1, 2012.)

**53243.3.** On or after January 1, 2012, if a local agency provides, in the absence of a contractual obligation, for any of the payments described in this article, then the employee or officer receiving any payments provided for those purposes shall fully reimburse the local agency that provided those payments in the event that the employee or officer is convicted of a crime involving the abuse of his or her office or position.

(Added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 692, Sec. 7. (AB 1344) Effective January 1, 2012.)

**53243.4.** For purposes of this article, "abuse of office or position" means either of the following:

- (a) An abuse of public authority, including, but not limited to, waste, fraud, and violation of the law under color of authority.
- (b) A crime against public justice, including, but not limited to, a crime described in Title 5 (commencing with Section 67), Title 6 (commencing with Section 85), or Title 7 (commencing with Section 92) of Part 1 of the Penal Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 210, Sec. 7. (SB 184) Effective January 1, 2014.)

**53244.** (a) A local public officer, as defined in subdivision (b), who is convicted by a state or federal trial court of any felony under state or federal law for conduct arising out of, or in the performance of, his or her official duties shall forfeit any contract right or other common law, constitutional, or statutory claim against a local public agency employer to retirement or pension rights or benefits, however those benefits may be characterized, including lost compensation, other than the accrued rights and benefits to which he or she may be entitled under any public retirement system in which he or she is a member. The forfeiture provided by this section shall

be in addition to, and independent of, any forfeiture of public retirement system rights and benefits pursuant to Section 7522.70, 7522.72, or 7522.74.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "local public officer" means a person, either elected or appointed, who exercised discretionary, executive authority in his or her employment.

(c) This section shall apply to any claim filed prior to the effective date of the act enacting this section, and still pending on that date, and any claim commenced after that date.

(d) Upon conviction, a local public officer as described in subdivision (a), and the prosecuting agency shall each notify the public employer who employed the local public officer at the time of the commission of the felony within 60 days of the felony conviction. The operation of this section is not dependent upon the performance of the notification required by this subdivision.

*(Added by Stats. 2013, Ch. 775, Sec. 2. (SB 39) Effective October 12, 2013.)*