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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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A public servant convicted of official misconduct, official oppression or misuse of official information shall be removed from office or discharged from the position. A public servant elected or appointed for a specified term shall be suspended without pay immediately upon conviction in the trial court and continuing through the final disposition of the case, removed from office for the remainder of the term during which the conviction occurred if the conviction becomes final, and barred from holding any appointed or elected office for ten years from the date the conviction becomes final. A public servant who serves at will shall be discharged upon conviction in the trial court. Subsequent public service shall rest upon the hiring or appointing authority provided that such authority has been fully informed of the conviction. T.C.A. § 39-16-406. *See State v. Keck*, 1997 WL 254228 (Tenn.Crim.App. 1997).

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