

Senate Bill No. 1535

CHAPTER 776

An act to amend Section 1024 of, and to repeal Section 1025 of, the Government Code, and to repeal Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 540) of Title 13 of Part 1 of the Penal Code, relating to public officers and employees.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1535, Kopp. Public officers and employees: rationing.

(1) Existing law contains provisions relative to the effect of taking oaths supporting a foreign government on eligibility to hold public office or employment.

This bill would make clarifying changes to these provisions and would delete an obsolete provision relative to oaths taken during the war between the Allied Powers and Germany-Austria, 1914-1918, inclusive, in connection with service in the military forces of any sovereignty allied with the United States in that war.

(2) Under existing law, it is a misdemeanor or a felony to steal, alter, forge, or counterfeit any coupon, stamp, token, certificate, or other ration evidence or document issued by the United States government or any agency thereof, or to forge or alter any ration check. It is also a misdemeanor or a felony to sell, give, or otherwise transfer to another, or to buy or otherwise knowingly and unlawfully acquire any altered, forged, or counterfeited coupon, stamp, token, certificate, ration check, or other ration evidence or document knowing the same to be altered, forged, or counterfeited. Existing law provides that any person who knowingly either buys, or sells, or otherwise unlawfully acquires or transfers for a valuable consideration any coupon, stamp, token, certificate, ration check, or other ration evidence or document issued by the United States government or any agency thereof or any altered, forged, or counterfeited coupon, stamp, token, certificate, ration check, or other ration evidence or document is guilty of a misdemeanor or a felony.

This bill would delete these provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1024 of the Government Code is amended to read:



1024. Any person who holds any office or employment under the state or any county, city, district or other political or governmental unit of the state and who has taken any oath described in Section 1023 is relieved of ineligibility to office or employment if he or she petitions any superior court for leave to renounce all promises or obligations assumed by him or her under that oath, and renounces all those promises or obligations before a judge of that court.

Any other person who has taken or hereafter takes any such oath may at any time be relieved of ineligibility by petitioning any superior court and renouncing all such promises or obligations in like manner.

SEC. 2. Section 1025 of the Government Code is repealed.

SEC. 3. Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 540) of Title 13 of Part 1 of the Penal Code is repealed.

