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The American Bar Association adopted a new code aimed at restricting financial interests and participation in political activities last week that there is little opposition so far to the proposed new code of judicial ethics that it will apply to all local, state, and federal judges.

Drawn up in the wake of the John F. Kennedy administration's proposed new code of judicial ethics from the Bar Association's annual convention in Manhattan, the 46 federal, state, and local judges from around the nation who attended the hearing seemed, for the most part, pleased with the new code and only asked a few technical questions, which he has any financial interest or insignificant."

Other provisions of the new code aimed at increasing the financial and public interest of judges are:

- A judge is required to tell the public has a right to know anything about their income and expenses every year.

- The code also includes a provision that judges must publicly report their income from such extrajudicial activities, such as writing, teaching, and lecturing.

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The one provision of the new code that appears to be headed for trouble would bar judges from participating in many political fundraising events or other political activities except when they are elected for life or for long terms, which may become politically controversial.

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