It is obvious that the Legislature has barred, for example, the discharge³ of an employee who openly declares himself or herself to be affiliated with the Republican or Democratic Party by reason of that party association. We cannot imagine that the Legislature intended at the same time to grant permission to an employer to have a policy permitting discharge of employees on the basis of the employer's belief that an employee is a covert Republican or a secret Democrat.

It appears instead to have been the Legislature's judgment that political activities are not within the purview of an employer's legitimate interests, and that political activities or affiliations, whether private or public, should not be tolerated as the basis for employment decisions. In the context of the question we have been asked and the California Supreme Court's conclusion that homosexual identification is a political activity, we conclude that the Legislature's protection for political activity extends to those who have not made a public issue of their orientation as well as those whose stand is openly proclaimed.

This conclusion is consistent with the text of the relevant sections, which point with fair clarity in that direction. Section 1101 bars any employer from any policy "tending to control or direct the political activities or affiliations of employees." Section 1102 bars any employer from attempting to coerce or influence any employee "to adopt or follow or refrain from adopting or following any particular course of line of political action or political activity."

Returning to the analogy of employees with undisclosed affiliations with a political party, we can see that if an employer had a policy of discharging employees believed to be secretly associated with the Democratic Party, employees who were actually oriented in that direction would feel pressured to either declare themselves publicly as Democrats in order to secure the protection of Labor Code sections 1101 and 1102 for their political affiliation, or to declare themselves as Republicans in order to placate their employer. Those whose private orientation was toward the Republican Party would feel a similar compulsion to convince their employer of their orientation.

In either case, the policy of the employer would coerce all employees to make a declaration of orientation one way or the other in order to secure the protection of the Labor Code. The effect of the policy would be to force the company's employees into particular courses of political activity, irrespective of any preference to keep their orientation a private matter.

Remembering that the Supreme Court has defined open self-identification of homosexuality as a political act, we conclude that if an employer had a policy of discharging employees because the employer held a belief that the employee's personal sexual orientation was homosexual, that policy would tend to control or direct the political activities or affiliations of that employee and others as well.

We also believe that the Supreme Court has presaged the decision it would render

³ While we use the example here of discharge from employment, the protection of the statutes is broader. Section 1102 prohibits an employer from threatening discharge or loss of employment for political action. Any denial, deprivation or diminution of employment status of benefits would constitute a loss. See Gay Law Students Assn., supra, 24 Cal. 3d at 487, fn. 16.

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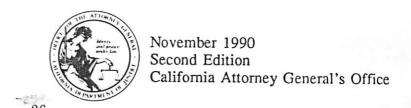
aspect of the struggle for equal rights is to encourage homosexual individuals to acknowledge their sexual preferences. Interpreting the provisions of the Labor Code to permit employers to have a policy of discharging employees on the basis of the employer's beliefs concerning the sexual orientation of its employees would have a marked chilling effect upon the willingness of those employees to take the political action of declaring their sexual orientation. If such an employment policy impacted the political choices of a company's employees—and it seems a certainty that such a policy would have a substantial tendency to do so—it would violate the letter and the spirit of the two Labor Code sections we have been discussing.

We conclude the Supreme Court would determine that the logic of the views it expressed in Gay Law Students Assn. leads inexorably to the conclusion that declarations and activities surrounding an employee's sexual orientation are matters of legitimate concern to the employee only, and that the Legislature has prohibited employers from adopting policies which would impact those choices.

Since the Legislature has banned discrimination against employees on the basis of their political views, activities and affiliations, and since the Supreme Court has defined self-identification of homosexual orientation as protected political action, the Supreme Court would also rule that a policy of discrimination against employees on the basis of beliefs as to their homosexual orientation is also prohibited by that legislation.

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Other Prohibited Employment Discrimination

The types of employment discrimination prohibited under the FEHA are limited to the categories actually mentioned therein. However, other state statutes and constitutional guarantees may also prohibit employment discrimination.

Sexual Orientation

In Gay Law Students Assn. v. Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. (1979) 24 Cal.3d 458, the California Supreme Court denied FEHA coverage to claims of employment discrimination based upon sexual orientation because that particular classification was not identified in the FEHA.

However, a victim of employment discrimination based upon sexual orientation is not without a remedy, particularly where public employment is concerned. The Supreme Court in the Gay Law Students case indicated that if a person is discriminated against by a public entity on the basis of sexual orientation, the equal protection clause of the California Constitution (art. I, § 7, subd. (a)) may have been violated. The Supreme Court held that employment discrimination which was based upon sexual orientation and which was allegedly practiced by a privately owned public utility enjoying a state-protected monopoly involved sufficient state action to violate the California Constitution.

Under the reasoning of the Gay Law Students decision, the state equal protection clause would prohibit the state, as well as any local public agency, 23/ from arbitrarily discriminating against any class of individuals in employment decisions, including any classification based upon sexual orientation. Accordingly, all arbitrary discrimination by public employers is prohibited under the equal protection clause of the California Constitution.

Additionally, it should be noted that an Executive Order prohibits any state entity from discriminating against an employee because of the employee's sexual orientation.²⁴ Violations of this Executive Order should be reported to the State Personnel Board in writing. The address is:

State Personnel Board Appeals Division - Sacramento 801 Capitol Mall Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone: (916) 445-5191

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Finally, Labor Code sections 1101 and 1102, which prohibit employers from interfering with the political activities of employees, have been construed to prohibit employers from arbitrarily discriminating against homosexuals in the hiring, firing, and promotion of employees. In Gay Law Students, the Supreme Court held that the gay law students association had stated a separate claim under Labor Code sections 1101 and 1102 by alleging that manifest homosexuals and those who made an issue of their homosexuality had been discriminated against in the employment process. The Attorney General of California has concluded that these sections prohibit all employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.²⁵/
An employer who violates either Labor Code section 1101 or 1102 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine and/or jail time. Violators of these statutes may be prosecuted by your local district and/or city attorney. Additionally, if an employee files a private lawsuit for damages in the appropriate court and is successful, he or she may recover damages for the personal losses caused by his or her employer's violation of Labor Code section 1101 or 1102.

^{24.} Exec. Order No. B-54-79 (1979).

^{25. 69} Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 80 (1986).

Law Protects Gays, Van de Kamp Says

Bars Employers From Discriminating, Formal Opinion Declares

By RICHARD C. PADDOCK, Times Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO—A state law that protects workers' rights to engage in political activity bars private employers from discriminating against homosexuals, Atty. Gen. John Van de Kamp said in a formal opinion Wednesday.

The opinion represented a victory for gay rights activists who lost a hard-fought battle two years ago when Gov. George Deukmejian vetoed a bill that would have prohibited employment discrimination against homosexuals.

While the opinion does not have "the force of law, such a statement by the attorney general carries considerable weight as a guideline in courtrooms and law offices.

Although no one would predict in detail its precise effect on the private sector, legal experts said the opinion offered a new line of fegal argument for those claiming to be victims of anti-homosexual discrimination.

"It seems to me that it breaks new ground," said UCLA law professor Kenneth Karst. "The Legislature has been asked by gay rights groups to add laws like this in the past and the laws have not been adopted. This is a way of accomplishing by interpretation of existing law something similar to what what would have been enacted."

Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco), author of the gay rights bill vetoed by Deukmejian, hailed Van de Kamp's opinion, which came in response to a question Agnos had asked him.

Agnos said that as a result of the opinion homosexuals "now have support for filing a lawsuit and they have a basis for appealing to their local district attorney for criminal prosecution when an employer violates their rights."

Agnos said he will continue to push for enactment of anti-discrimination legislation, which he said would better protect homosexuals by specifically writing safeguards into the law and avoiding potentially long legal battles.

A spokesman for the California Manufacturers Assn., a major employer group that had initially opposed the Agnos legislation, said the opinion may help clarify "cloudy legal waters." He said a summary of the document will be sent to members of the association.

Van de Kamp's opinion was based on a 1979 state Supreme Court ruling that the declaration of one's homosexuality was a political statement and was therefore protected under the state labor code.

In his opinion, Van de Kamp forecast that the court would extend the protection to all homosexuals on the ground that employers cannot discriminate against workers they believe to be gay. Such discrimination would be illegal because it would force gays into making a political statement by declaring their sexual orientation.

"We conclude that if an employer had a policy of discharging employees because the employer held a belief that the employee's personal sexual orientation was homosexual, that policy would tend to control or direct the political activities or affiliations of that employee or others as well," Van de Kamp wrote.

A spokesman for Deukmejian said the governor had not reviewed the opinion and had no comment on it

Van de Kamp said in an interview that the decision was difficult to make and that there is room for legal experts to disagree on the issue. It took the attorney general more than a year to research and write the opinion.

"It is not without doubt, but we think the labor code covers it," Van

de Kamp said.

The opinion hinged on a case brought by the Gay Law Students Assn. against Pacific Telephone Co., charging that the utility practiced discrimination against homosexuals.

In a majority decision written by then-Justice Matthew Tobriner, the court in 1979 ruled that making a declaration of homosexuality was a political statement, because doing so is part of the movement for gay equality.

Discrimination against employees who engage in political activities has been outlawed under two sections of the labor code first adopted in 1915.

"Since the Legislature has banned discrimination against employees on the basis of their political views, activities and affiliations, and since the Supreme Court has defined self-identification of homosexual orientation as protected political action, the Supreme Court would also rule that a policy of discrimination against employees on the basis of beliefs as to their political orientation is also prohibited by the legislation," Van de Kamp wrote.



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Armed with the opinion, Agnos said he will call on businesses throughout the state to end any practice of discriminating against homosexuals. He also said he will acquaint district attorneys with the opinion and encourage them to give full consideration to anyone who complains of discrimination.



Calif. Att'y Gen. Rules Labor Code Protects Gays in Private Firms

In a decision that increases job protection for gays, California Attorney General John Van de Kamp has ruled that California's Labor Code bars private firms from discriminating against homosexuals—whether they are openly gay or not.

Van de Kamp's ruling expands on a 1979 California Supreme Court decision, which held that private firms could not discriminate against people who identified themselves as homosexual. The court asserted that "coming out" was a political act that was protected under the Labor Code.

Now, Van de Kamp has declared that the state supreme court would also rule that employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is itself illegal.

"In the context of the California Supreme Court's conclusion that homosexual identification is a political activity," Van de



Att'y. Gen. John Van de Kamp has ruled that private companies cannot discriminate against gays.

Kamp wrote, "we conclude that the Legislature's protection for political activity extends to those who have not made a public issue of their orientation as well as those whose stand is openly proclaimed."

Van de Kamp issued his opinion at the request of state Assemblyman Art Agnos, a San Francisco Democrat who sponsored the AB 1 legislation that would have protected homosexuals against employment discrimination. The bill passed the legislature but was vetoed by Gov. George Deukmejian (R).

Thomas F. Coleman, a gay lawyer in Los Angeles who served as executive director of former Gov. Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr.'s Commission on Personal Privacy, said that the "clear legislative mandate" of AB 1 would still be preferable to an interpretation like Van de Kamp's, which could be challenged in the courts.

But Coleman said the Van de Kamp opinion gave a "major protection" to gays. Under the Labor Code, he said, someone can bring a complaint of discrimination before the labor department. After evaluating the complaint, the state agency can refer it to local district attorneys for criminal prosecution. The complainant can also hire an attorney to file suit against the firm accused of discrimination.

If AB 1 became law, it would not have been necessary for the complainant to hire an attorney. Instead, the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing would have handled the complaint, seeking civil penalties against the employer if discrimination was found to exist and attempts at conciliation failed.

Under an executive order issued by former Gov. Jerry Brown, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is prohibited in state employment. A previous decision by Van de Kamp extended that protection to local public agencies.

While Van de Kamp's latest opinion is a further extension of protection, it is an interpretation of how the California Supreme Court would rule. That court is now under heavy attack from rightwingers, and a majority of the court's members are up for reelection. If conservatives dominate the court and Van de Kamp's ruling is challenged, the new protection could be overturned.

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Dear Mr. Vail:

Please find enclosed a brochure which I wrote on the state of the law relative to Gay Employment rights. You will note that (B)(3) indicates a person fired for the political act of "coming out of the closet" has redress to the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Labor Commissioners under Labor Code Sections 1101 and 1102. This is based upon the State Supreme Court's decision in the Pacific Telephone case.

The problem is that in the past months I have been involved in what has become almost a series of shouting matches with your commissioners in the state to get them to take complaints of this nature.

Basically, the problem appears to be one of administration. Your agency has yet to inform its commissioners that it has jurisdiction over Gay Employment Discrimination cases under these sections of the Labor Code. This is making it difficult for Gays to be treated equitably under the

We would greatly appreciate if it your office could prepare an administrative directive for the commissioners informing them that they do have jurisdiction.

Your sincerely,

Susan McGrievy Staff Attorney National ACLU

Gay Rights Project

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Tom Coleman Anthony Klein

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Donald Vail Director of Industrial Relations P.O. Box 603 San Francisco, California 94101

Dear Mr. Vail:

I received a copy of a letter sent to you by Susan McGrievy of the A.C.L.U. dated December 11, 1979. In that letter Ms. McGrievy expressed concern that the Labor Commissioners are not aware of their obligations with respect to the employment rights of gay people.

I would like to offer the assistance of this committee to you and your staff, in this regard. The National Committee has been working cooperatively and effectively with the Governor's office, the State Personnel Board, and the Division of Fair Employment and Housing Practices. We have worked with Mr. J. Anthony Kline, the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary, with respect to the wording and implementation of the Governor's Executive Order on Sexual Orientation, and the State Personnel Board and its Executive Officer, Mr. Ron Kurtz, with respect to interpretation and implementation of the Governor's Executive Order on Employment Rights and the Supreme Court mandates in Gay Law Students Association v. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph We have assisted Ms. Joanne Lewis of the Division of Fair Company. Employment and Housing Practices with respect to revising policies on the enforcement of gay housing rights. Currently, we have started a project with the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and Mr. Baxter Rice, with respect to necessary policy changes in view of the recent Supreme Court decision of Pryor v. Municipal Court (the state's lewd conduct statute was declared unconstitutional in this case).

If we can be of any assistance to you or your Labor Commissioners with respect to the interpretation of the Pacific Telephone case and in

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establishing policy guidelines with respect to your jurisdiction in this regard, we would be happy to do so. If you are interested in drawing upon our resources and expertise, please let us know and we will extend our assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. Coleman

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cc: J. Anthony Kline Susan McGrievy

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Mr. Thomas F. Coleman National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties 1800 North Highland Avenue, Suite 106 Los Angeles, Ca. 90028

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Director Vial has forwarded your letter of December 31, 1979, to me for reply.

Enclosed is a copy of my reply to Susan McGrievy of the ACLU, and if you or your organization experience any difficulty, please contact the listed Area Administrators or myself.

Thank you for your offer of assistance with respect to the interpretation of the Pacific Telephone case.

Sincerely yours,

Albert J. Reyff
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Ms. Susan McGrievy Staff Attorney National ACLU, Gay Rights Project 633 South Shatto Place Los Angeles, Ca. 90005

Dear Ms. McGrievys

Director Vial has asked me to reply to your letter of December 11, 1979, concerning possible complaints under Labor Code Sections 1101 and 1102 by gay persons.

On June 13, 1979, shortly after the Supreme Court decision involving Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, State Labor Commissioner James L. Quillin issued the attached memo to our staff which indicates that our jurisdiction is limited to investigating the criminal aspects of the violations.

If you encounter a situation where one of our offices has refused to take a complaint under these sections, you may contact either of the following or bring the matter directly to my attention:

Colleen Logan, Area Administrator 107 South Broadway, Room 5015, Los Angeles 90012 Telephones (213) 620-5130

Max Turchen, Area Administrator 8155 Van Muys Blvd., Suite 950, Panorama City 91402 Telephone: (213) 782-3733

Thank you for writing, and we hope to work with you to clarify any possible misunderstandings with our district offices.

Sincerely yours,

Albert J. Reyff Assistant State Labor Commissioner

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cc: D. Vial, A. Klein, Area Administrators

The State Labor Commissioner enforces Labor Code Sections 1101 and 1102. Employees who are victims of sexual orientation discrimination may file a complaint with the local office of the labor commissioner. The complaint

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Bakersfield- 5555 California Ave., Suite

is investigated by those offices. If the labor commissioner finds "probable cause" to believe that such discrimination has occurred, the case is referred to a district attorney or a city attorney for criminal prosecution.

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NEWS CONFERENCE:

1:45 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HALL OF JUSTICE 850 BRYANT STREET 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM SAN FRANCISCO

D.A. SHITE TO ABBOURCE STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO PROTECT GAYS, LESSIAMS IN EMPLOYMENT

Says Wilson's AB 101 veto has left D.A.s no choice but to prosecute employers.

SAN FRANCISCO--District Attorney Arlo Smith will hold a news conference tomorrow afternoon to announce the launch of a statewide model program to protect gays and lesbians from employment discrimination in the wake of Gov. Wilson's veto of Assembly Bill 101. The model program will be a joint endeavor by Smith and Los Angeles City Attorney Jim Hahn.

In consultation with Los Angeles attorney Thomas F. Coleman, a nationally recognized expert in the field of public policy and law affecting sexual orientation and marital status discrimination, the program will use existing state legal protections in which <u>criminal remedies</u> may be sought against employers who discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Coleman will be on hand at the news conference to discuss the specifics of the statewide model program.

In his September 30 veto of AB 101, Governor Wilson cited existing state legal protections for gays and lesbians in employment, including Labor Code sections 1101 and 1102 and "the express right of privacy contained in the California Constitution."



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News Advisory

Responding to the veto of Assembly Bill 101, Los Angeles City Attorney Jim Hahn will hold a news conference at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow (Oct. 29) to announce the launch of an enforcement campaign using existing state and city laws to protect gays and lesbians from employment discrimination in Los Angeles.

The news conference will be held in the 18th Floor conference room in City Hall East, 200 N. Main St., Los Angeles Civic Center.

Also participating in the news conference will be Los
Angeles attorney Thomas F. Coleman, one of the nation's leading
experts on public policy and the law governing sexual orientation
and marital status discrimination.

(Assembly Bill 101, which would have specifically prohibited employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, was vetoed Sept. 30 by Gov. Pete Wilson after being approved by the state Legislature.)

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October 28, 1991

Victoria L. Bradshaw State Labor Commissioner Department of Industrial Relations Division of Labor Standards Enforcement 455 Golden Gate Ave., Suite 3194 San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Commissioner Bradshaw:

In the message accompanying his veto of Assembly Bill 101 last month, Governor Wilson stressed that remedies are currently available to redress complaints of employment discrimination against gays and lesbians. The Governor cited Gay Law Students Association v. Pacific Telephone & Telegraph (1979) 24 Cal. 3d 458 for the proposition that the California Labor Code protects from discrimination those workers involved in gay issues or those who identify themselves openly as homosexual.

The Governor has pointed out that the California Attorney General has concluded that Secs. 1101 and 1102 prohibit an employer from discrimination on the basis of homosexual orientation or affiliation. (69 Ops. Cal. Attorney General 80 1986)

Both the Governor and Attorney General have concluded that complaints of employment discrimination involving gays and lesbians are within your jurisdiction.

Labor Code section 1103 makes it a misdemeanor to violate either Labor Code section 1101 or 1102. This office is prepared to prosecute any employer who violates those sections and requests that your Commission investigate (pursuant to Labor Code section 98.7) all proper complaints and refer them to us.

Victoria L. Bradshaw State Labor Commissioner October 28, 1991 Page 2

I look forward to establishing an effective means by which we can deal with the problem of employment discrimination in all forms. I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this further and to work up a mutually acceptable protocol.

Very truly yours.

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Honorable Victoria L. Bradshaw State Labor Commissioner Department of Industrial Relations Division of Labor Standards Enforcement 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 3194 San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Commissioner Bradshaw:

Governor Wilson noted in his September 30 veto message regarding Assembly Bill 101 that gays and lesbians are protected from discrimination by California Labor Code Sections 1101 and 1102 and that complaints made under these statutes are within your jurisdiction.

Labor Code Section 1103 makes it a misdemeanor to violate Labor Code Sections 1101 or 1102, and as the prosecutor of misdemeanor offenses within the City of Los Angeles, I am prepared to file criminal complaints in cases in which employers violate these laws. Therefore, I request that you forward to my office any cases that you deem appropriate for my review.

I look forward to establishing a working relationship between our two offices to combat employment discrimination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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JAMES K. HAHN City Attorney

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