

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

SB 441

2022 Regular Session

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Proposed law would have provided that no public employee who receives an annual salary in excess of \$100,000 may qualify as a local candidate for office.

Proposed law would have provided that a public officer who has retired or resigned while in office cannot be appointed to succeed himself in the office from which he retired or resigned. Further provides that a public officer who has retired or resigned while in office is not eligible to be a candidate in the special election called as a result of his retirement or resignation.

Would have been effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Would have added R.S. 18:451.4 and 586)

VETO MESSAGE:

"Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 441 of the Regular Session of 2022.

This bill changed significantly after the adoption of an amendment in the conference committee report regarding the eligibility for certain public employees to run for local offices. This provision would only apply to certain employees, causing inexplicable and inequitable treatment of state workers. This inconsistent treatment would have been brought to light and potentially resolved if this amendment had been fully debated by the legislature. However, because this amendment was crafted in conference committee and without debate, there was no due consideration of this issue. Should the author of this bill wish to disqualify certain public employees from seeking elected office, he should bring a bill next session that can be properly considered."