

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Excludes court reporters from the two-year waiting period for rehiring relative to termination of public service

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 42:1121(B)(4), relative to assistance after termination of public service; to  
3 provide an exception for court reporters to render services to a former public  
4 employer after termination of public service; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:1121(B)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1121. Assistance to certain persons after termination of public service

8 \* \* \*

9 B.

10 \* \* \*

11 (4) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a former official court reporter from  
12 rendering services on a contractual basis to or for his former public employer.

13 \* \* \*

---

**DIGEST**

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

HB 177 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

Muscarello

**Abstract:** Excepts official court reporters from the two-year prohibition on rendering services on a contractual basis to a former public employer after termination from public service.

Present law provides that no former public employee shall, for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment, assist another person for compensation in a transaction in which the former public employee participated in at any time during his public employment and involving the governmental entity by which he was formerly employed. Further provides that a former public employee shall not, for a period of two years following the termination of public service, render any service which the former public employee had rendered to the agency during the term of his public employment on a contractual basis.

Present law provides an exception for a former employee of the La. School for the Deaf to render sign language and interpreting services on a contractual basis to or for the La. School for the Deaf.

Present law additionally provides an exception for a former sexual assault nurse examiner to render services on a contractual basis to or for his former public employer.

Proposed law adds an additional exception for a former official court reporter to render services on a contractual basis to or for his former public employer.

(Adds R.S. 42:1121(B)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed language related to the reemployment of a former or retired court reporter.