
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides a general exception to the dual officeholding and dual employment laws for volunteer firefighters and provides a limited exception for employees in the judicial branch to serve on boards and commissions.

Present law (R.S. 42:63) regulates dual officeholding and dual employment in order to prevent conflicts of interest and to promote and maintain citizen trust in government. Prohibits certain specific combinations of public office and employment, including a prohibition against holding a full-time appointive office or full-time employment in the government of La. or of a political subdivision thereof and at the same time holding another full-time appointive office or full-time employment in the government of the state, in the government of a political subdivision thereof, or in a combination of these. Further prohibits a person holding an elective office in a political subdivision of this state from at the same time holding another elective office or full-time appointive office in the government of this state or in the government of a political subdivision thereof. Provides that no such person shall hold at the same time employment in the government of this state, or in the same political subdivision in which he holds an elective office. In addition provides that no sheriff, assessor, or clerk of court shall hold any office or employment under a parish governing authority.

Present law (R.S. 18:64) additionally prohibits a person from holding a combination of offices and employments that are determined to be incompatible because of the existence of certain conditions set forth in present law.

Proposed law retains present law prohibitions except to provide a general exception for members or officers of a volunteer fire department or a combination fire department.

Present law (R.S. 42:63) provides that no person holding office or employment in one branch of the state government shall at the same time hold another office or employment in any other branch of the state government.

Proposed law retains present law except to allow a person holding employment in the judicial branch, including as judge ad hoc or pro tempore, to hold at the same time a part-time appointive office in another branch as a designee or appointed member of any board, committee, task force, or commission.

(Adds R.S. 42:66(A)(11) and (Q))