
DIGEST

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HB No. 1168

Abstract: Provides an ethics exception to allow an elected official, who is not a sole decisionmaker, who serves on the board of a nonprofit organization to participate in transactions involving the governmental entity and the nonprofit organization.

Present law (R.S. 42:1112(B)(3), ethics code) prohibits a public servant from participating in a transaction involving his governmental entity when a person of which he is an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee has a substantial economic interest. Present law (R.S. 42:1123(1)) provides that nothing in the ethics code shall preclude a public servant from participation in the affairs of charitable, religious, nonprofit educational, public service, or civic organizations, bona fide organized public volunteer fire departments when no compensation is received, or the activities of political parties not proscribed by law; provided, however, that the ethics code shall apply to the purchase of fire trucks by bona fide organized public fire departments.

Proposed law further provides an exception to present law (R.S. 42:1112) to allow an elected official who serves on the board of a nonprofit organization to participate in transactions involving the governmental entity and the nonprofit organization. Specifies that the exception shall not be applicable to an elected official who is the sole decisionmaker in the discharge of the particular duty or responsibility of his office or position.

(Adds R.S. 42:1112(E))