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Amedee

SB No. 303

Present law (R.S. 42:1121(A)(2)—Code of Governmental Ethics) prohibits a former member of a board or commission for a period of two years following the termination of his public service on such board or commission from contracting with, being employed in any capacity by, or being appointed to any position by that board or commission.

Proposed law provides that present law shall not preclude the employment of a person by a board that is created by law when the person has served as a member of the board as a designee, as authorized by law, of a mayor, but is not subject to confirmation nor confirmed by the council, of a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more according to the latest federal decennial census.

Present law (R.S. 42:1113(D)) prohibits certain specified persons, the spouse of any such person, and certain related legal entities from entering into any contract with state government. Provides certain contractual prohibitions and requirements for the other immediate family members of such specified persons. Specifies that present law applies to legislators, statewide elected officials, certain specified officers in departments in the executive branch of state government, members of the Board of Ethics, and certain members of the staff of the governor. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law additionally specifies that the prohibitions against and requirements for contracting with state government apply to each member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, their immediate family members, and certain related legal entities. Proposed law repeals present law. Provides instead that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall be held to the same ethical standards as the La. Public Service Commission.

(Adds R.S. 42:1123(43); Amends R.S. 42:1113(D)(1)(a)(ii)(qq))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds an exception to the Code of Governmental Ethics to permit the employment of a person by a board that is created by law when the person has served as a member of the board as a designee, as authorized by law, of a mayor of a municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or more according to the latest decennial census.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Specifies that the mayor's designee is not subject to confirmation nor confirmed by the council of the municipality.
2. Specifies that the latest decennial census is a federal census.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the reengrossed bill.

1. Adds provisions removing present law provisions that expressly apply prohibitions against and requirements for contracting with state government to members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, their immediate family members, and certain related legal entities and provides instead that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall be held to the same ethical standards as the La. Public Service Commission.