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SB 64 Engrossed

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Present law (R.S. 42:1112.1) prohibits a public servant and any legal entity in which the public servant exercises control or owns an interest in excess of 25%, from receiving anything of economic value for or in consideration of services rendered, or to be rendered, to or for any person during his public service unless such services are neither performed for nor compensated by any person from whom such public servant would be prohibited by present law. Present law provides that such prohibited sources include persons whose operations and activities are regulated by the public employee's agency.

Proposed law provides an exception to present law to allow a licensed attorney who serves as a member of a civil service commission and any legal entity in which he exercises control or owns an interest to receive a thing of economic value for or in consideration of legal services rendered or to be rendered to a classified employee under the jurisdiction of the civil service commission if the legal services rendered or to be rendered do not involve a matter that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the civil service commission. Requires such a civil service commission member to recuse himself from participating in any matter before the civil service commission involving any classified employee to whom he or any legal entity in which he exercises control or owns an interest is rendering legal services.

(Adds R.S. 42:1112.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Specifically allow the receipt of a thing of economic value for legal services rendered to a classified employee by an attorney serving on a civil service commission or by a related legal entity provided such services do not involve a matter under the supervision or jurisdiction of the commission.
2. Additionally require such a civil service commission member to recuse himself from participating in a matter involving a classified employee if any legal entity in which he exercises control or owns an interest is rendering legal services to the classified employee.
3. Remove provision stating that an attorney may serve on a civil service commission.