SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 419

2018 Regular Session

Peterson

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

ETHICS. Repeals provisions for recusal for members of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans and changes provisions permitting certain persons to serve on the board. (8/1/18)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds provisions regarding members appointed prior to August 1, 2018.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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<u>Present law</u> prohibits any board or commission member, immediate family member, or legal entity in which he has a controlling interest from bidding on or entering into a contract or other transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the board or commission.

<u>Present law</u> also prohibits any public servant from participating in a transaction in which he has a substantial economic interest which involves the governmental entity.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits any appointed member of any board or commission from participating or being interested in any transaction involving the agency which would be a violation of the ethics code.

<u>Present law</u> provides an exception for the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans (Board) and requires a member of the board to recuse himself from voting on matters which would otherwise violate the prohibited participation and prohibited contracts provisions of the ethics code.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals the exception and the provision for recusal.

<u>Present law</u> specifically authorizes individuals who are employed in the maritime industry to serve on the board.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that members employed in the maritime industry and who are appointed prior to August 1, 2018 may serve on the Board subject to recusal provisions in effect on the date of the appointment of the member appointed prior to August 1, 2018 and apply to the member for the term of that member.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that members appointed to the Board on or after August 1, 2018 employed in the maritime industry may serve subject to recusal provisions in Title 42.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 34:1(A)(3), R.S. 42:1112(D) and 1120.4(A); repeals R.S. 42:1120.1)

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