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DIGEST

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

**HB 86**

**2018 Regular Session**

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

**ETHICS:** Provides an ethics exception to allow governing authority members and employees of a political subdivision or special district that operates parks and recreation facilities and the immediate family members of such persons to rent a facility for an event subject to certain conditions

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Added an exception to allow a public servant, immediate family member, or legal entity in which such a person owns an interest to fulfill or renew a contract under the supervision or jurisdiction of the public servant's agency if the original contract was entered into at least one year prior to the public servant's public service in the agency and was not prohibited at that time.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Add an exception to allow the continuation and renewal of a contract for the operation of a food-related retail establishment between a legal entity in which an elected official's immediate family member owns an interest and a hospital or hospital service district in a parish with a population of 150,000 persons or less if the original contract was entered into at least one year prior to the elected official's election as an agency head of the governmental entity of the hospital service district and if the original contract was not prohibited.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law (R.S. 42:1113(A) and (B) – ethics code) prohibits a public servant or his immediate family member from entering into a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of the public servant and further prohibits an appointed board or commission member or a member of his immediate family from entering into or being in anyway interested in a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the board or commission.

Proposed law provides an exception to allow a governing authority member or public employee of a political subdivision that operates parks or recreational facilities or an immediate family member of such a person to rent a park or recreation facility under the supervision or jurisdiction of the political subdivision for an event provided that the transaction is conducted without preference and

in the same manner and subject to the same fees and conditions applicable to the general public.

Proposed law provides an additional exception to allow the continuation and renewal of a contract for the operation of a food-related retail establishment between a legal entity in which an elected official's immediate family member owns an interest and a hospital or hospital service district in a parish with a population of 150,000 persons or less if the original contract was entered into at least one year prior to the elected official's election as an agency head of the governmental entity of the hospital service district and if the original contract was not prohibited.

(Adds R.S. 42:1123(44) and (45))