

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 315

2021 Regular Session

Goudeau

**CIVIL SERVICE: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for an exception to the prohibition on political activity by members of civil service systems**

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DIGEST

Present constitution prohibits employees in the classified service of the state, New Orleans, and the fire and police civil service systems and certain other officials associated with those systems from engaging in various political activities.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides an exception to the present constitution, to authorize such persons to support the election of an immediate family member. Defines immediate family to mean a person's parent or stepparent, his grandparent or stepgrandparent, his spouse and his spouse's parent or stepparent, his child or stepchild and his child or stepchild's spouse, his grandchild or stepgrandchild and his grandchild or stepgrandchild's spouse, and his siblings or half-siblings or their spouses. Defines support to mean attending events and appearing in campaign advertisements and photographs. Excludes employees of the registrars of voters or employees of the elections division of the Dept. of State who are in the classified service.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. X, §§9 and 20)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Exclude employees of the registrars of voters or employees of the elections division of the Dept. of State who are in the classified service from the exception.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Clarify that stepchildren, stepsiblings, stepparents, stepgrandchildren, stepgrandparents, half-siblings, and their respective spouses are considered immediate family.