AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:451.4 and 586, relative to public officers; to provide for qualification of local candidates; to provide relative to the retirement or resignation of an elected official; to provide relative to an appointment or election to fill a vacancy created by such a retirement or resignation; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:451.4 and 586 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§451.4. Qualifications of candidates for local offices; prohibitions

No public employee as defined in R.S. 42:1102 who receives an annual salary from his public employer in excess of one hundred thousand dollars may qualify as a local candidate as defined in R.S. 18:452 while concurrently serving as a public employee. The one-hundred-thousand-dollar limit shall be increased each year in an amount equal to any increase in the CPI-U for the preceding calendar year.

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§586. Vacancies caused by retirement or resignation; prohibitions

A. No elected official who has retired or resigned from state or local elective office shall be appointed to succeed himself in the office from which he retired or resigned.

B. No elected official who has retired or resigned from state or local elective office shall be eligible as a candidate at an election called to fill the vacancy created by the retirement or resignation of the elected official.

Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in boldface type and underscored are additions.
Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ______________