
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Morris to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 425 by Senator Morris

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "enact" change "R.S. 42:1412(E)," to "R.S. 42:1411(G) and 1412(E)
3 and (F),"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 8, change "1412(E) is" to "1411(G) and 1412(E) and (F) are"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, delete line 14, and insert the following:

8 "B. The **commission of or** conviction for a felony, **malfeasance, or gross**
9 **misconduct** of a public officer **while in office** shall automatically"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 2, delete lines 8 through 17 in their entirety.

12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 2, between lines 28 and 29, insert the following:

14 "G. For purposes of this Chapter, **the following terms shall apply:**
15 **(1) the term "felony" "Felony"** includes both a felony under the laws of this
16 state and a felony under the laws of the United States.

17 **(2) For purposes of this Chapter, the term "public "Public officer"** means any
18 person holding a public office, whether state, district, parochial, ward, or municipal,
19 whether the person is elected or appointed except judges of the courts of record.

20 **(3) "Malfeasance" shall be as defined in R.S. 14:134(A)**

21 **(4) "Gross misconduct" means the willful, knowing, or recklessly**
22 **indifferent act or omission by a public official, committed in office or under**
23 **color of office, that: (a) constitutes a serious abuse or misuse of official power**
24 **or authority; (b) materially violates the law, the oath of office, or established**
25 **ethical duties; or (c) substantially undermines the integrity, functioning, or**
26 **public trust of the office; and that is of such gravity that it renders the official**
27 **unfit to continue in office.**

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29 AMENDMENT NO. 6

30 On page 3, line 8, change "**conviction for**" to "**commission of**"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 7

32 On page 3, line 10, after "**domicile**" change the comma ", " to "**or** "

33 AMENDMENT NO. 8

34 On page 3, delete lines 15 through 18 and insert the following:

35 **"E. (1) A public official shall be removed from office upon a final judicial**
36 **determination proven by clear and convincing evidence that the public official**
37 **has committed malfeasance or gross misconduct while in office. This proceeding**
38 **shall be brought in the parish in which the official is domiciled or the parish**
39 **where the conduct of malfeasance or gross misconduct occurred."**

40 AMENDMENT NO. 9

41 On page 3, line 21, change the comma ", " to "**or**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 10

2 On page 3, line 22, change "**prosecute**" to "**initiate**"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 11

4 On page 3, line 26, change "**Section**" to "**Subsection**"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 12

6 On page 3, line 29, change "**Section**" to "**Subsection**"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 13

8 On page 4, delete line 1 and insert the following:

9 **"(3) If the legislature initiates an action under this Subsection, the action**
10 **shall be"**

11 AMENDMENT NO. 14

12 On page 4, below line 10 add the following:

13 **"F. Nothing in Subsection E of this Section shall be construed to limit the**
14 **authority of the attorney general to institute a suit to remove a public officer**
15 **while in office under the provisions of Subsection A of this Section."**