
 DIGEST

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SB No. 122

Present law (ethics code) provides that no public servant and no legal entity in which the public servant exercises control or owns an interest in excess of 25% will receive any thing of economic value for or in consideration of services rendered, or to be rendered, to or for any person who has or is seeking to obtain a contractual or other business or financial relationships with the public servant's agency. Present law defines "public servant" as a public employee or an elected official.

Proposed law provides an exception to allow a member of a governing authority of a municipality with a population of 5,000 or less or a legal entity in which the member exercises control or owns an interest in excess of 25% to perform bona fide compensated services for any person who has or is seeking a contractual or other business or financial relationship with the municipality, subject to the following requirements:

- (1) The governing authority member recuses himself on all matters involving the municipality and the person.
- (2) The terms and conditions of the services performed by the governing authority member are customary and reasonable and the compensation received by the governing authority member is commensurate with the level of the service provided.
- (3) Compensation received by a member or legal entity shall be limited to no more than \$10,000 per calendar year from any one person. The member shall report such compensation to the governing authority at the same time that the member files his annual personal financial disclosure statement with the Board of Ethics. The report shall include the name of each person from whom such compensation was received during the previous calendar year and the total amount of such compensation received from each such person.

(Adds R.S. 42:1123(43))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Limits the member's compensation or revenue to \$10,000 per year and requires annual reporting to the governing authority of which he is a member.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Replaces proposed provisions limiting a member's compensation or revenue from a relationship with a person seeking relationships with the member's agency to no more than \$10,000 per year with provisions limiting compensation received by a member or legal entity pursuant to proposed law to no more than \$10,000 per calendar year from any one person.
2. Specifies that the member is responsible for reporting such compensation and provides for the content of such reports.

3. Removes references to revenue from proposed law.