

SENATE BILL NO. 456

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1119(B)(2)(b)(i), relative to the Code of Governmental
3 Ethics; to provide for the applicability of the nepotism provisions to hospital service
4 districts; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:1119(B)(2)(b)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §1119. Nepotism

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10 B. * * *

11 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection:

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13 (b)(i) Any hospital service district ~~with a population of one hundred thousand~~
14 ~~persons or less as of the most recent federal decennial census~~ or hospital public trust
15 authority located in such a district may enter into an initial recruiting contract with
16 or employ as a health care provider, a licensed physician, a registered nurse, or an
17 allied health professional who is a member of the immediate family of any district
18 board, authority, or parish governing authority member or of the chief executive of
19 the district or authority provided that such family member is the only qualified
20 applicant who has applied for the position after it has been advertised for at least
21 thirty days in the official journal of the parish and in all newspapers of general
22 circulation in the parish where the hospital is located. The chief executive and any
23 member of a board of a hospital service district or hospital public trust authority
24 which enters into an initial recruiting contract with or employs such physician,
25 registered nurse, or allied health professional shall recuse himself from any decision
26 involving the promotion, discipline, discharge, or assignment of any such employee
27 who is a member of his immediate family.

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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.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____