
DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows a public servant, while serving in the capacity of director for a national or regional nonprofit professional public procurement association, to accept specified event and travel expenses to attend certain events related to the duties of serving as director of such a procurement association.

Present law (R.S. 42:1111 and 1115 – ethics code) prohibits public servants from receiving things of economic value from certain prohibited sources or for certain duties or because of the public position held. Present law (R.S. 42:1123) provides certain specified exceptions.

Proposed law provides an exception to allow a public servant, while serving in the capacity of director for a national or regional nonprofit professional public procurement association, to accept complimentary admission to, lodging reasonably related to, and reasonable transportation to and from a seminar, conference, board meeting, committee meeting, or public event held in any state of the U.S. or in Canada, provided that the seminar, conference, board meeting, committee meeting, or public event related to the duties of serving as director of such a procurement association. Proposed law further requires the public servant to file an affidavit with the Board of Ethics within 60 days after such acceptance, disclosing the name of the person or organization who gave, provided, or paid in whole or in part for the admission, lodging, or transportation; the person or organization that hosted the event; and the amount expended on his behalf by the person or organization on admission, lodging, and transportation.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds 42:1123(44))