

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 86****2018 Regular Session****James**

ETHICS: Provides ethics exceptions to allow certain contractual arrangements between public servants, immediate family members of public servants, and related legal entities and the public servant's agency under certain circumstances

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds an exception to allow a public servant, immediate family member, or legal entity in which such a person owns an interest to fulfill or renew a contract under the supervision or jurisdiction of the public servant's agency if the original contract was entered into at least one year prior to the public servant's public service in the agency and was not prohibited at that time.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 42:1113(A) and (B) – ethics code) prohibits a public servant or his immediate family member from entering into a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of the public servant and further prohibits an appointed board or commission member or a member of his immediate family from entering into or being in anyway interested in a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the board or commission.

Proposed law provides an exception to allow a governing authority member or public employee of a political subdivision that operates parks or recreational facilities or an immediate family member of such a person to rent a park or recreation facility under the supervision or jurisdiction of the political subdivision for an event provided that the transaction is conducted without preference and in the same manner and subject to the same fees and conditions applicable to the general public.

Proposed law provides an additional exception to allow a public servant, member of the immediate family of a public servant, or legal entity in which the public servant or immediate family member owns an interest from fulfilling or renewing the terms of a contract under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of the public servant if the original contract was entered into at least one year prior to the public servant's public service in the agency and was not prohibited at that time.

(Adds R.S. 42:1123(44) and(45))