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## DIGEST

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### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

**HB 86**

**2018 Regular Session**

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#### **Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

**ETHICS:** Provides an ethics exception to allow governing authority members and employees of a political subdivision or special district that operates parks and recreation facilities and the immediate family members of such persons to rent a facility for an event subject to certain conditions

#### **Report adopts Senate amendments which:**

1. Add 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.

#### **Report amends the bill to:**

1. Additionally require that if such a contract is renewed, the contract and its terms shall be disclosed to the Board of Ethics.

#### **Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

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 and provided that if such a contract is renewed, the contract and its terms shall be disclosed to the Board of Ethics.

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