



1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:451.4 and 586, relative to public officers; to provide for qualification of
3 local candidates; to provide relative to the retirement or resignation of an elected
4 official; to provide relative to an appointment or election to fill a vacancy created by
5 such a retirement or resignation; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for an
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:451.4 and 586 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§451.4. Qualifications of candidates for local offices; prohibitions**

10 **No public employee as defined in R.S. 42:1102 who receives an annual**
11 **salary from his public employer in excess of one hundred thousand dollars may**
12 **qualify as a local candidate as defined in R.S. 18:452 while concurrently serving**
13 **as a public employee. The one-hundred-thousand-dollar limit shall be increased**
14 **each year in an amount equal to any increase in the CPI-U for the preceding**
15 **calendar year.**

16 * * *

17 **§586. Vacancies caused by retirement or resignation; prohibitions**

18 **A. No elected official who has retired or resigned from state or local**
19 **elective office shall be appointed to succeed himself in the office from which he**
20 **retired or resigned.**

21 **B. No elected official who has retired or resigned from state or local**
22 **elective office shall be eligible as a candidate at an election called to fill the**
23 **vacancy created by the retirement or resignation of the elected official.**

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

VETO MESSAGE:

"Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 441 of the Regular Session of 2022.

This bill changed significantly after the adoption of an amendment in the conference committee report regarding the eligibility for certain public employees to run for local offices. This provision would only apply to certain employees, causing inexplicable and inequitable treatment of state workers. This inconsistent treatment would have been brought to light and potentially resolved if this amendment had been fully debated by the legislature. However, because this amendment was crafted in conference committee and without debate, there was no due consideration of this issue. Should the author of this bill wish to disqualify certain public employees from seeking elected office, he should bring a bill next session that can be properly considered."