

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 280 By Senator Chaisson

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

ETHICS. Provides relative to the employment of certain public servants. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Limits the additional exception to the employment of an assistant district attorney by a district attorney provided that the assistant was employed as such in that office for at least nine months immediately preceding the district attorney taking the oath of office for his initial term as district attorney.
2. Removes the provision that allows a district attorney to participate in transactions regarding his employment.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

Present law (ethics code) prohibits an immediate family member of an agency head from being employed in his agency but provides an exception to allow the continued employment of an immediate family member of an agency head provided that such public employee has been employed in the agency for a period of at least one year prior to the public employee's immediate family member becoming the agency head.

Proposed law retains present law and provides an additional exception to allow a district attorney to employ an immediate family member as an assistant district attorney provided that the immediate family member was continuously employed by the office of the district attorney for that judicial district for a period of at least nine months immediately prior to the district attorney taking the oath of office for his initial term as district attorney. Further provides that nothing in present law shall be construed to hinder, alter, or in any way affect normal promotional advancements for such assistant district attorney.

Provides that proposed law is remedial, curative, and procedural and therefore retroactive.

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

(Adds R.S. 42:1119(G))

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