

Prior law (ethics code) prohibited an immediate family member of an agency head from being employed in his agency but provided 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.

New law retains prior 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 prior law shall be construed to hinder, alter, or in any way affect normal promotional advancements for such assistant district attorney.

Provides that new 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))