

SENATE BILL NO. 61

BY SENATOR MORRISH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1123(43), relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to provide for an exception to the prohibition of a public servant from doing business with a person who has a business relationship with the agency of the public servant under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:1123(43) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1123. Exceptions

This Part shall not preclude:

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(43) A member of a governing authority of a municipality with a population of five thousand or less, according to the latest decennial census, or a legal entity in which the member exercises control or owns an interest in excess of twenty-five percent from performing bona fide compensated services for any person who has or is seeking to obtain a contractual or other business or financial relationship with the municipality subject to the following requirements:

(a) The governing authority member recuses himself on all matters involving the municipality and the person.

(b) The terms and conditions of the services performed by the governing authority member are customary and reasonable and the compensation

1 received by the governing authority member is commensurate with the level of
2 the service provided.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

VETO MESSAGE

"Senate Bill No. 61 by Senator Morrish creates an exception in the Ethics' Code. I saw no reason for this exception in 2012 and I continue to see no reason for it in 2013.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 61 and hereby return it to the Senate."