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2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

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BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

ETHICS/DUAL OFFICEHOLDG: Provides an exception from dual officeholding laws to allow a certified public accountant to hold an office on a school board and employment with a sheriff to provide financial or accounting services

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 42:66(E), relative to dual officeholding and employment; to provide an 3 exception to allow a certified public accountant to hold an office on a school board 4 and employment with a sheriff; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 42:66(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 7 §66. Exemptions 8 9 E. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to prohibit a certified public 10 accountant who is a member of a school board from holding employment with a 11 sheriff to provide financial or accounting services. 12 13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 17 effective on the day following such approval.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Adds an exception to the dual officeholding and employment provisions to allow a certified public accountant to be a member of a school board and be employed by a sheriff to provide financial or accounting services.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 42:63–Dual Officeholding and Employment Prohibitions) specifically prohibits a member of a parish governing authority or school board from holding any office or employment with a sheriff, assessor, or clerk of court.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides an exception to allow a certified public accountant who is a member of a school board to hold employment with a sheriff to provide financial or accounting services.

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

(Adds R.S. 42:66(E))