

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 397

BY SENATOR REESE

ELECTED OFFICIALS. Provides for vacancies caused by retirement, resignation, or removal from elected office. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 18:586(C), relative to vacancies; to provide for vacancies when an elected
3 official has retired, resigned, or been removed from office; to prohibit an official
4 who has retired, resigned, or been removed from office from being appointed to or
5 qualifying for election to the same office in which the official resigned, retired, or
6 was removed; to provide for certain exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:586(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §586. Vacancies caused by retirement, resignation, or removal; prohibitions

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11 **C. This Section does not purport to impact the constitutional authority**
12 **of the supreme court to appoint a sitting or retired judge to any court, and the**
13 **provisions of this Subsection shall not be applicable to judgeships.**

