

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 258**

**2026 Regular Session**

**Beullieu**

ETHICS/DUAL OFFICEHOLDG: Provides for prohibitions contained in and exceptions to the dual officeholding laws

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds an exception for members, appointees, designees, or officers of any unpaid advisory committee, project, working group, or commission.
2. Specifies that persons employed in the judicial branch may serve as an appointed officer of a board, committee, task force, or commission in another branch of government.
3. Adds a prohibition that no person holding a full-time appointive office or full-time employment in the government of this state or of a political subdivision thereof, shall at the same time serve on any board, commission, or committee not specifically required by law for the performance of his duties.
4. Adds an effective date.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 42:63) regulates dual officeholding and dual employment in order to prevent conflicts of interest and to promote and maintain citizen trust in government. Prohibits certain specific combinations of public office and employment, including a prohibition against holding a full-time appointive office or full-time employment in the government of La. or of a political subdivision thereof and at the same time holding another full-time appointive office or full-time employment in the government of the state, in the government of a political subdivision thereof, or in a combination of these. Further prohibits a person holding an elective office in a political subdivision of this state at the same time holding another elective office or full-time appointive office in the government of this state or in the government of a political subdivision thereof. Provides that no such person shall hold at the same time employment in the government of this state, or in the same political subdivision in which he holds an elective office. In addition provides that no sheriff, assessor, or clerk of court shall hold any office or employment under a parish governing authority.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that no person holding a full-time appointive office or full-time employment in the government of this state or of a political subdivision thereof, shall at the same time serve on any board, commission, or committee not specifically required by law for the performance of his duties.

Present law (R.S. 18:64) additionally prohibits a person from holding a combination of offices and employments that are determined to be incompatible because of the existence of certain conditions set forth in present law.

Proposed law retains present law prohibitions and provides the following additional general exceptions:

- (1) For members or officers of a volunteer fire department or a combination fire department.
- (2) For members, appointees, designees, or officers of any unpaid advisory committee, project, working group, or commission.

Present law (R.S. 42:63) provides that no person holding office or employment in one branch

of the state government shall at the same time hold another office or employment in any other branch of the state government.

Proposed law retains present law except to allow a person holding employment in the judicial branch, including as judge ad hoc or pro tempore, to hold at the same time a part-time appointive office in another branch as a designee or appointed member or officer of any board, committee, task force, or commission.

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

(Adds R.S. 42:63(G) and 66(A)(11) and (12) and (Q))