

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 262 (SB 397)

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Existing law prohibits an elected official from being appointed to succeed himself or to be a candidate in the election to fill the vacancy due to his retirement, resignation, or removal from office unless the removal is due to a defect capable of being legally cured prior to qualifying for election.

New law provides that existing law does not purport to impact the constitutional authority of the supreme court to appoint a sitting or retired judge to any court and that existing law regarding appointment to succeed oneself does not apply to judgeships.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 18:586(C))