SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 129 By Senator John Smith

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

ETHICS. Provides for an exception to the definition of "public employee" relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics. (8/1/13)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

- 1. Removes proposed provisions to revise the definition of "public employee" for purposes of the ethics code.
- 2. Provides instead that the provisions of the ethics code shall not apply to any nonprofit entity that operates a hospital in a building or facility owned by the Hospital Service District Number Two of Beauregard Parish.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

<u>Present law</u> (Code of Governmental Ethics) provides for ethical standards for elected officials, public employees, and certain other persons, including prohibited conflicts of interest involving payments from nonpublic sources, prohibited participation in transactions, prohibited contractual arrangements, prohibited gifts, abuse of office, nepotism, financial disclosure requirements, and ethics education requirements. Provides for definitions, exceptions, penalties, and enforcement.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts a nonprofit entity operating a hospital in a building or facility owned by Hospital Service District Number Two of Beauregard Parish from the provisions of <u>present law</u> (Code of Governmental Ethics).

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