DIGEST

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Edwards HB No. 1017

Abstract: Provides relative to eligibility requirements for certain public employees involving driver's licenses and vehicle registration.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 42:31) requires a public employee to whom <u>present law</u> applies to provide proof to the person's public employer that the person has been issued a La. driver's license and that all vehicles registered in the person's name are registered in La.

<u>Proposed law</u> instead requires each person to whom <u>proposed law</u> applies to obtain a La. driver's license and to register in La. each vehicle operated in La. that is registered in the person's name. Requires each such person to certify to his employer that he meets the requirements of <u>proposed law</u> by not later than the 30th day after the date on which the person became subject to <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> applies to each person hired or employed in an unclassified position as defined by the State Civil Service Commission whose annual salary or rate of compensation is equal to or exceeds \$100,000.

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes references in <u>present law</u> to the person being "hired" and to the person's "rate of compensation". Deletes the requirement in <u>present law</u> that the State Civil Service Commission define the term "unclassified position" and expressly provides that <u>proposed law</u> applies to positions in the state unclassified service. Provides that a person must operate one or more vehicles on the public streets and roads in La. for <u>proposed law</u> to apply. Otherwise retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that all government agencies which hire or employ any person in an unclassified position as defined by the State Civil Service Commission, whose annual salary or rate of compensation is equal to or exceeds \$100,000 shall verify that such person has been issued a La. driver's license and that all vehicles registered in his name are registered in La. Provides that the public employer shall verify the employee meets this requirement for the duration of the person's employment.

Proposed law repeals present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the requirements of <u>present law</u> shall be deemed a qualification for the position for which the person was employed or hired, and for the duration of the person's employment in the event the requirements of <u>present law</u> are triggered. Provides that any person

hired or employed in an unclassified position who does not meet the requirements of <u>present law</u>, or who no longer meets the requirements of <u>present law</u>, shall be removed and terminated within 30 days of the public employer learning such person does not meet the requirements of <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes references in <u>present law</u> to the person being "hired". Otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

(Amends R.S. 42:31)