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SB 131 Engrossed

2015 Regular Session

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Present law, relative to the La. Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act, prohibits certain elected public officials from engaging in any business activity with a licensee except as a patron, a performing professional musician, or except as follows:

- (1) An elected public official who is a member of a governing authority of a parish who was elected to his initial term in 2004 may engage in any business activity with a licensee if he is a non-key gaming employee as defined by law, if such employment commenced at least four years prior to holding elective public office; or
- (2) An elected public official who is a member of a school board who took his oath of office for his initial term in 2004 may engage in any business activity with a licensee if he is a non-key gaming employee as defined by law, if such employment commenced at least two years prior to Aug. 1, 2004.

Proposed law provides that an elected public official who is a member of a governing authority of a parish who was elected to his initial term in 2004 may engage in any business activity with any licensee if he is a non-key gaming employee as defined by law, and his employment with a licensee commenced at least four years prior to holding elective public office. Further provides that if the employment of such an elected public official is terminated, nothing in present law shall prohibit the elected public official from being subsequently employed by a licensee as a non-key gaming employee or as an employee whose duties do not involve access to a designated gaming area of the licensee.

Provides that the provisions of the Act are to be applied retroactively as well as prospectively.

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

(Amends R.S. 27:96(A)(2)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds employees whose employment duties do not require or authorize access to designated gaming areas of a licensee as defined by law to those employees authorized to obtain employment as a non-key employee while holding or seeking elective office regardless of the length of the lapse of time between employment.
2. Adds employees whose employment duties do not require or authorize access to designated gaming areas of a licensee as defined by law to those employees who are also an elected public official or seeking an elective office regardless of the date the employee was terminated or the date the employee was hired as a non-key gaming employee or employee whose duties do not require or authorize access to designated gaming areas of a licensee as defined by law.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed exceptions to certain prohibited business activities by an elected public official with a licensee including as an employee whose employment duties do not require or authorize access to designated gaming areas of a licensee and as a non-key employee while holding or seeking elective office regardless of the length of the lapse of time between employment and relative to termination of same.
2. Make changes to existing exception relative to an elected public official who is a member of a governing authority of a parish who was elected to his initial term in 2004 and employment as a non-key gaming employee.
3. Specifically provide that if the employment of an elected public official to whom the exception applies is terminated, nothing shall prohibit the official from being subsequently employed as a non-key gaming employee or as an employee whose duties do not involve access to a designated gaming area of the licensee.
4. Provide that the provisions are to be applied retroactively as well as prospectively.