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Abstract: Provides an exception to the post service ethics restrictions to allow a former member of a board of commissioners of a fire protection district to contract with, be employed by, or be appointed to a position by his former board as long as six months has elapsed since the termination of his service on the board.

Present law (R.S. 42:1121–ethics code), relative to post service restrictions, prohibits a former agency head or elected official for a period of two years following the termination of his public service as the head of such agency or as an elected public official serving in such agency from assisting another person, for compensation, in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction, involving that agency or from rendering any service on a contractual basis to or for such agency. Present law further prohibits a former member of a board or commission for a period of two years following the termination of his public service on such board or commission from contracting with, being employed in any capacity by, or being appointed to any position by that board or commission. Present law further prohibits a legal entity in which a former public servant is an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee for a period of two years following termination of his public service from assisting another person for compensation in a transaction or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which such public servant at any time participated during his public service and involving his former agency. Present law prohibits a former public servant from sharing in any compensation received by another person for assistance which such former public servant is prohibited from rendering by present law. Provides exceptions.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides an exception to allow a former member of the board of commissioners of a fire protection district to contract with, be employed by, or be appointed to any position by the board of commissioners of the fire protection district provided that at least six months has elapsed since the termination of the former member's service as a member of the board of commissioners.

(Adds R.S. 42:1121(J))