

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 315****2021 Regular Session****Goudeau**

CIVIL SERVICE: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for an exception to the prohibition on political activity by members of civil service systems

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Expands the definition of immediate family member.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present constitution prohibits employees in the classified service of the state, New Orleans, and the fire and police civil service systems and certain other officials associated with those systems from engaging in various political activities.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides an exception to the present constitution, to authorize such persons to support the election of an immediate family member. Defines immediate family to mean a person's parent, his stepparent, his grandparent or stepgrandparent, his spouse and his spouse's parent or stepparent, his child and his child's spouse, his stepchild and his stepchild's spouse, his grandchild and his grandchild's spouse, his stepgrandchild and his stepgrandchild's spouse, his sibling and his sibling's spouse, his stepsibling and his stepsibling's spouse, and his half-sibling and his half-sibling's spouse. Defines support to mean attending events and appearing in campaign advertisements and photographs. Excludes employees of the registrars of voters or employees of the elections division of the Dept. of State who are in the classified service.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. X, §§9 and 20)