

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Excludes court reporters from the two-year waiting period for rehiring relative to termination of public service

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 42:1121(K), relative to assistance after termination of public service; to  
3 provide for the rehiring of retired court reporters; to permit the rehiring of retired  
4 court reporters previously employed by a governmental entity or agency; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:1121(K) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1121. Assistance to certain persons after termination of public service

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10 K. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a former official court reporter  
11 employed in any judicial district court or city court from being hired on a contractual  
12 basis or reemployed with the same court or jurisdiction at any time after retirement  
13 or upon leaving the employment of the court.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Excepts a retired court reporter from the two-year prohibition on being reemployed by a governmental entity or agency.

Present law prohibits a former public employee from assisting another person, for compensation, for a two-year period following the termination of his public employment.

Proposed law retains present law; however, proposed law authorizes a former official court reporter employed in any judicial district court or city court to be hired on a contractual basis or reemployed with the same court or jurisdiction at any time after retirement or leaving the employment of the court.

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