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## DIGEST

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HB No. 279

**Abstract:** Removes certain restrictions relative to contracting, ownership interests, and employment applicable to members of the board of commissioners of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 1.

Present law (Code of Governmental Ethics) generally prohibits an appointed member of any board or commission, member of his immediate family, or legal entity in which he has a substantial economic interest from bidding on or entering into or being in any way interested in any contract, subcontract, or other transaction which is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such appointed member. Generally prohibits a board member and other public servants and certain related entities from receiving compensation from a person who has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the board member's or public servant's agency.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any other provision of present law to the contrary, a licensed physician who is a member of the board of commissioners for St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 is not prohibited from contracting, subcontracting with another provider who contracts, owning an interest in an entity that contracts, or accepting employment with St. Tammany Parish Hospital. Provides, however, that such licensed physician shall recuse himself from participating in any transaction before the board relating to any contracts entered into by him, by a provider with which he subcontracts, or by any entity in which he owns an interest.

Provides that the provisions of proposed law are remedial, curative, and procedural and are to be applied retroactively as well as prospectively.

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

(Adds §2(B) of Act No. 180 of the 1984 R.S.)