
DIGEST

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HB No. 206

Abstract: Removes certain restrictions relative to contracting with and employment of immediate family members by certain hospital service districts and hospital public trust authorities.

Present law (ethics code – R.S. 42:1119), relative to nepotism, prohibits employment of an immediate family member of a member of the governing authority or the chief executive of a governmental entity by the governmental entity. Provides an exception for any hospital service district with a population of 100,000 persons or less or hospital public trust authority located in such a district. Provides that such a district or authority may enter into an initial recruiting contract with or employ as a health care provider, a licensed physician, a registered nurse, or an allied health professional who is a member of the immediate family of any district board, authority, or parish governing authority member or of the chief executive of the district or authority if such family member is the only qualified applicant who has applied for the position after it has been advertised as provided by present law.

Proposed law retains present law and creates an exception based on the exception in present law; however, proposed law applies to hospital service districts in a parish with a population of between 400,000 and 440,000 persons and to hospital public trust authorities located in such districts and that with respect to such hospital service districts or trust authorities, the immediate family member must be a qualified applicant, not the only qualified applicant.

Present law, retained by proposed law, further provides for recusal and requires the filing of a disclosure statement with the Board of Ethics stating the facts of such employment.

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

(Amends R.S. 42:1119(B)(2)(b)(ii); Adds R.S. 42:1119(B)(2)(b)(iii))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Removes provisions from proposed law that changed the exception in present law making it applicable to all districts.
2. Adds provisions creating an exception based on the exception in present law, but

applicable to hospital service districts in a parish with a population of between 400,000 and 440,000 persons and providing that the immediate family member must be a qualified applicant, not the only qualified applicant.