

Prior law provided for a general exception to the public records law for records in the custody or control of any attorney or counsel whose duties are performed by or under the authority of the legislature relative to any case, cause, charge, or investigation conducted by the legislature. Provided that after final disposition, the records are public and subject to the public records law. Prior law makes reference to a prior law (R.S. 44:3) that provided that the identity of confidential sources remain privileged.

New law removes language relative to records in the custody or control of any attorney or counsel and provides instead for an exception for records in the custody or control of the legislature, or either house or any committee or officer thereof relative to any case, cause, charge, or investigation conducted by the legislature or either house or any committee or officer thereof. New law further removes the reference to prior law (R.S. 44:3) relative to confidential sources and specifically provides that all records, etc. obtained or developed pursuant to any case, cause, charge, or investigation conducted by the legislature or either house or any committee or officer thereof which pertain to or impart the identity of any confidential source of information is privileged and prohibits any member, officer, or employee of the legislature from disclosing or producing such records except on court order. New law retains prior law which provides that after final disposition, the records are public and subject to the public records law, except those relative to the identity of confidential sources.

New law further provides for a specific exception to the public records law for any privileged or confidential data or records in the custody of the legislature or either house thereof which are obtained or used for the purpose of considering the election, confirmation, or approval of any nomination or appointment for which election, confirmation, or approval by legislature or either house thereof is required. New law allows the disclosure of any information relevant to the education, employment history, or work experience of an appointee or nominee.

(Amends R.S. 44:2)