

Existing law (Code of Governmental Ethics) generally prohibits an appointed member of a 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 the appointed member.

Existing law generally prohibits a public servant (including a member of a board or commission) and a legal entity in which he exercises control or owns an interest in excess of 25% from receiving compensation from a person who has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the public servant's agency.

Existing law prohibits a former member of a board or commission for two years following termination of public service on the board or commission from contracting with, being employed in any capacity by, or being appointed to any position by that board or commission.

Existing law provides for the membership of the board of commissioners for the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 1. Provides that one of the members of the commission shall be a member of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital medical staff elected by the medical staff.

New law provides an exception to existing law ethics code provisions to allow a licensed physician who is a member or former member of the board of commissioners for St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 who is or was the member elected by the medical staff pursuant to existing law to contract, subcontract with another provider who contracts, own an interest in an entity that contracts, or accept employment with St. Tammany Parish Hospital, provided that the contract is related to the licensed physician's practice of medicine or expertise as a licensed physician. Provides, however, that the 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.

New law requires each contract authorized by new law and entered into while the physician is a member of the board of commissioners and for two years following the termination of his service on the board to be disclosed to the Board of Ethics within 30 days of the execution of the contract. Requires the disclosure to include the parties to the contract, the purpose of the contract, and the date the contract was executed.

New law provides that it is remedial, curative, and procedural and is to be applied retroactively as well as prospectively.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 11, 2012).

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