SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 148 By Senator LaFleur

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

ETHICS. Provides an exception to the Code of Governmental Ethics for persons whose public service is limited to a contract providing attest services as a CPA. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Limits the exception to a contract to provide attest services as a certified public accountant rather than professional services.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

<u>Present law</u> defines "public employee" for purposes of the ethics code as anyone, whether compensated or not, who is:

- (1) An administrative officer or official governmental entity who is not filling an elective office.
- (2) Appointed by an elected official when acting in an official capacity, and the appointment is to a post or position wherein the appointee is to serve the governmental entity or an agency thereof, either as a member of an agency, or as an employee thereof.
- (3) Engaged in the performance of a governmental function.
- (4) Under the supervision or authority of an elected official or another employee of the governmental entity.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the "public employee" does not mean anyone whose public service is limited to periodic duty in the National Guard.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds an exception for contracts to provide attest services as a certified public accountant.

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

(Amends R.S. 42:1102(18)(b))

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