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MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

CONSTITUTION OF LOUISIANA

Art. III, §9. Conflict of Interest

Section 9. Legislative office is a public trust, and every effort to realize personal gain through official conduct is a violation of that trust. The legislature shall enact a code of ethics prohibiting conflict between public duty and private interests of members of the legislature.

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Art. X, §9. Prohibitions Against Political Activities

Section 9.(A) Party Membership; Elections. No member of a civil service commission and no officer or employee in the classified service shall participate or engage in political activity; be a candidate for nomination or election to public office except to seek election as the classified state employee serving on the State Civil Service Commission; or be a member of any national, state, or local committee of a political party or faction; make or solicit contributions for any political party, faction, or candidate; or take active part in the management of the affairs of a political party, faction, candidate, or any political campaign, except to exercise his right as a citizen to express his opinion privately, to serve as a commissioner or official watcher at the polls, and to cast his vote as he desires.

(B) Contributions. No person shall solicit contributions for political purposes from any classified employee or official or use or attempt to use his position in the state or city service to punish or coerce the political action of a classified employee.

(C) Political Activity Defined. As used in this Part, "political activity" means an effort to support or oppose the election of a candidate for political office or to support a particular political party in an election. The support of issues involving bonded indebtedness, tax referenda, or constitutional amendments shall not be prohibited.

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Art. X, §21. Code of Ethics

Section 21. The legislature shall enact a code of ethics for all officials and employees of the state and its political subdivisions. The code shall be administered by one or more boards created by the legislature with qualifications, terms of office, duties, and powers provided by law. Decisions of a board shall be appealable, and the legislature shall provide the method of appeal.

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Art. X, §24. Impeachment

Section 24.(A) Persons Liable. A state or district official, whether elected or appointed, shall be liable to impeachment for commission or conviction, during his term of office of a felony or for malfeasance or gross misconduct while in such office.

(B) Procedure. Impeachment shall be by the House of Representatives and trial by the Senate, with senators under oath or affirmation for the trial. The concurrence of two-thirds of the elected senators shall be necessary to convict. The Senate may try an impeachment whether or not the House is in session and may adjourn when it deems proper. Conviction upon impeachment shall result in immediate removal from office. Nothing herein shall prevent other action, prosecution, or punishment authorized by law.

Art. X, §25. Removal by Suit; Officials Subject

Section 25. For the causes enumerated in Paragraph (A) of Section 24 of this Article, the legislature shall provide by general law for the removal by suit of any state, district, parochial, ward, or municipal official except the governor, lieutenant governor, and judges of the courts of record.

Art. X, §25.1. Removal by Suit; State, District, Parochial, Ward, or Municipal Employees

Section 25.1. Notwithstanding any provision of this Article to the contrary, the legislature shall provide by general law for the removal of any state, district, parochial, ward, or municipal employee, whether classified or unclassified, from his position of employment, for conviction, during his employment, of a felony as defined by law. "Conviction", as used in this Section, means a conviction that is final and all appellate review of the original trial court proceedings is exhausted.

Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 166, §1, approved Nov. 5, 2002, eff. Dec. 11, 2002.

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Art. X, §47. Prohibitions Against Political Activities

Section 47.(A) Party Membership; Elections. No member of the commission and no state police officer in the classified service shall participate or engage in political activity; be a candidate for nomination or election to public office except to seek election as the classified state police officer serving on the State Police Commission; or be a member of any national, state, or local committee of a political party or faction; make or solicit contributions for any political party, faction, or candidate; or take active part in the management of the affairs of a political party, faction, candidate, or any political campaign, except to exercise his right as a citizen to express his opinion privately, to serve as a commissioner or official watcher at the polls, and to cast his vote as he desires.

(B) Contributions. No person shall solicit contributions for political purposes from any classified state police officer or use or attempt to use his position to punish or coerce the political action of a classified state police officer.

(C) Political Activity Defined. As used in this Part, "political activity" means an effort to support or oppose the election of a candidate for political office or to support a particular political party in an election. The support or opposition of a candidate seeking election as the classified state police officer member of the State Police Commission, issues involving bonded indebtedness, tax referenda, or constitutional amendments shall not be prohibited.

Added by Acts 1990, No. 1106, §1, approved Oct. 6, 1990, eff. Jan. 1, 1991.

TITLE 4. AMUSEMENTS AND SPORTS

CHAPTER 4. RACING

PART I. HORSE RACING

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§143. Definitions

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them below:

(1) "Association" means any person, association, or corporation licensed by the commission to conduct horse racing within the State of Louisiana for any stakes, purse, or reward.

(2) "Commission" means the Louisiana State Racing Commission within the office of the governor.

(3) "Corrupt practice" means anything which can reasonably be construed as unlawfully pre-arranging or attempting to unlawfully pre-arrange the order of finish of a race.

(4) "Historical horse racing" means a form of horse racing that creates pari-mutuel pools from wagers placed on horse races previously run at a pari-mutuel facility licensed in the United States; concluded with official results; and concluded without scratches, disqualifications, or dead-heat finishes through machines permitted and authorized by the commission.

(5) "Horseman" means an owner or trainer of a race horse.

(6) "Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association" means the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association's successor corporation, the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association 1993, Inc., commonly known as the HBPA.

(7) "Licensee" means any person, partnership, corporation or business entity receiving a license, permit or privilege from the commission to conduct a race meeting or meetings.

(8) "Meeting or race meeting" means the whole consecutive period, Sundays excluded, for which a license to conduct live races has been granted to any one association by the commission.

(9) "Pari-mutuel wagering", "pari-mutuel system of wagering", or "mutuel wagering" means any method of wagering previously or hereafter approved by the commission in which one or more patrons wager on a horse race or races, whether live, simulcast, or previously run. Wagers shall be placed in one or more wagering pools, and wagers on different races or sets of races may be pooled together. Patrons may establish odds or payouts, and winning patrons share in amounts wagered including any carryover amounts, plus any amounts provided by an association less any deductions required, as approved by the commission and permitted by law. Pools may be paid out incrementally over time as approved by the commission.

(10) "Permittee" means any person, partnership, corporation or business entity receiving a license, permit or privilege from the commission to engage in a business, occupation or profession on the grounds of an association licensed to conduct a race meeting in Louisiana by the commission.

(11) "Purse" means the amount of money offered by the association for any given race.

(12) "Purse supplement" means the amount of money added to the purse by any interest other than the association.

(13) "Races" or "racing" means live racing conducted by a licensee in this state, unless otherwise specifically described.

(14) "Racing official" means one of the officials of a race meeting as follows: stewards, placing judges, patrol judges, clerk of scales, starter, handicapper, timer, paddock judge, the racing secretary.

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(15) "Racing secretary" means the racing official who shall (a) write and publish the conditions of each race to be run at any race meeting, and (b) such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Rules of Racing and/or the commission.

(16) "Racing year" means the fiscal year from July 1 of each year to June 30 of the year next following, or means the calendar year from January 1 to December 31 of each year as may be requested by an applicant seeking a license to operate a race meeting in its application for a license. When an application for a race meeting is granted pursuant thereto, the licensee shall be limited to the maximum number of racing days that may be granted in any one racing year approved by the commission.

(17) "Rules" mean the rules and regulations of the commission.

(18) "Secretary" as used herein means the governor through the commissioner of administration.

(19) "Stewards" mean the stewards of the meeting or their duly appointed deputies.

Acts 1968, No. 554, §1. Amended by Acts 1972, No. 733, No. 2; Acts 1976, No. 260, §1; Acts 1982, No. 58, §1, eff. July 1, 1982; Acts 2001, No. 8, §1, eff. July 1, 2001; Acts 2005, No. 309, §1; Acts 2014, No. 731, §1; Acts 2021, No. 437, §1, eff. June 21, 2021.

§144. Louisiana State Racing Commission; creation; membership; tenure; powers and duties; quorum; qualification of members; per diem; expenses and disbursements; bond; prohibited interest

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B.(1) Members shall be residents of Louisiana, over the age of thirty, and shall possess good moral character. Each shall have resided in Louisiana for at least five years immediately preceding his appointment.

(2)(a) No member shall be an official, member of any board of directors, or person financially interested in any race track or race meeting licensed by the commission.

(b) Any member may be an owner of racehorses that participate in any race meeting licensed by the commission.

(c) Two members may be licensed practicing veterinarians of licensees of the commission.

(3) The commission shall provide by rule for investigation and resolution of alleged violation of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. These rules shall include the suspension of the board member pending conclusion of the investigation and removal of the member in the event of a violation. Any member removed as a result of a violation of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall not be eligible for reappointment for a period of five years.

(4) Nothing in this Subsection shall prohibit a member of the Louisiana State Racing Commission from owning a horse that sired or bred a racehorse that participates in a race meeting licensed by the commission, or from participating in a breeder or stallion award.

C. Members shall serve without salary but shall receive a per diem at the rate of one hundred dollars per day while attending official meetings, regular or special, of the commission called by the chairman, or in his absence, one of the vice chairmen, not to exceed four thousand dollars per annum. The commission shall reimburse its members and employees for all travel expenses and disbursements incurred by them in the discharge of their official duties. They shall give a bond to the governor in the amount of ten thousand dollars, conditioned that they will faithfully and honestly perform the duties of their office. The premium for the bond shall be paid by the commission.

Acts 1968, No. 554, §1. Amended by Acts 1976, No. 259, §1; Acts 1977, No. 270, §1, eff. July 7, 1977; Acts 1979, No. 543, §1; Acts 1981, No. 778, §1, eff. July 28, 1981; Acts 1981, No. 786, §1; Acts 1984, No. 750, §1, eff. July 13, 1984; Acts 1985, No. 641, §1, eff. July 16, 1985; Acts 1989, No. 629, §1; Acts 2001, No. 8, §1, eff. July 1, 2001; Acts 2004, No. 328, §1; Acts 2004, No. 688, §1; Acts 2012, No. 803, §1; Acts 2020, No. 214, §1; Acts 2024, No. 639, §1.

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CHAPTER 11. CHARITABLE RAFFLES, BINGO AND KENO LICENSING LAW

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§734. Sale of tickets at fund-raising event

Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary, a candidate for public office, as provided for in R.S. 18:1483(3), or his principal campaign committee, as provided for in R.S. 18:1483(15), may conduct a fund-raising activity involving the sale of tickets which afford the purchaser an opportunity to win a door prize, raffle, or similar gift or prize.

Acts 1999, No. 568, §3, eff. June 30, 1999.

TITLE 11. CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

CHAPTER 4. PROVISIONS AFFECTING MORE THAN ONE SYSTEM

PART II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SUBPART C. RETIREMENT BOARDS

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§183. Board members subject to Code of Governmental Ethics

A. Any member of a state or statewide retirement system board of trustees who does not hold an office by virtue of an election conducted pursuant to the Louisiana Election Code shall be deemed a public employee for purposes of compliance with Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

B. For elections or appointments made on or after July 1, 2017, no person who has been found in violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics for actions involving the misuse of public funds shall be eligible to serve as trustee.

Acts 2003, No. 953, §1, eff. July 1, 2003; Acts 2017, No. 366, §1.

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§185. Educational requirements for members of retirement system boards of trustees

A. The provisions of this Section shall apply to the following state retirement systems:

- (1) The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System.
- (2) The Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.
- (3) The Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System.
- (4) The Louisiana State Police Retirement System.

B. The provisions of this Section shall apply to the following statewide retirement systems:

- (1) The Assessors' Retirement Fund.
- (2) The Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund.
- (3) The District Attorneys' Retirement System.
- (4) The Firefighters' Retirement System.
- (5) The Municipal Employees' Retirement System.
- (6) The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.
- (7) The Parochial Employees' Retirement System.
- (8) The Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System.
- (9) The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

C. The provisions of this Section shall apply to the following local retirement system: Harbor Police Retirement System.

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D.(1) For purposes of this Section "actuarial science" means the application of mathematical and statistical methods to estimate future payment for benefits, to set forth an orderly and convenient way to provide the funds necessary to make those future payments, to determine the effects of asset and liability experience on pension fund costs, and to study the demographics of plan members, particularly in relation to long-term risk assessments, mortality, and morbidity.

(2) For each system to which the provisions of this Section apply, each member of the board of trustees and each designee of a member shall complete continuing education or professional development training during each twelve-month period from September first to August thirty-first as provided in this Subsection. By October fifteenth of each year, the board of trustees of each system to which this Section applies shall submit to the House and Senate committees on retirement a letter stating whether or not each member of that board has met the requirements of this Section in the previous twelve-month period and giving the date or dates upon which the required training hours were completed by each member.

(3) Each year, any member to whom this Section applies shall attend at least eight hours of investment training, four hours of actuarial science information education, two hours of education regarding the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to his system, and two hours of instruction on fiduciary duty and ethics. These training hours may be conducted by the staff of the respective retirement systems or by outside experts. Two or more systems may combine any such training. Any member who is elected or appointed to the board for the first time on or after June first shall be required to comply only with the provisions of Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

(4) Except as otherwise provided by the constitution or in R.S. 42:3.1, no board member to whom this Section applies shall receive per diem during any calendar year unless and until he has completed the fiduciary and ethics requirement and at least one hour each of investment, actuarial science, and legal education in the current twelve-month cycle. The system shall submit evidence of training in compliance with this Paragraph to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate within fourteen days after the completion thereof.

(5) Additionally, no new board member to whom this Section applies shall be permitted to vote on any matter until he has completed the fiduciary and ethics requirement and one hour of education in each of the other required areas.

Acts 2003, No. 953, §1, eff. July 1, 2003; Acts 2004, No. 207, §1, eff. June 14, 2004; Acts 2011, No. 399, §1, eff. July 1, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 227, §1; Acts 2012, No. 718, §1, eff. August 31, 2012.

TITLE 14. CRIMINAL LAW

CHAPTER 1. CRIMINAL CODE

PART VII. OFFENSES AFFECTING ORGANIZED GOVERNMENT

SUBPART B. BRIBERY AND INTIMIDATION

§118. Public bribery

A.(1) Public bribery is the giving or offering to give, directly or indirectly, anything of apparent present or prospective value to any of the following persons, with the intent to influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, or duty:

(a) Public officer, public employee, or person in a position of public authority.

(b) *Repealed by Acts 2010, No. 797, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.*

(c) Grand or petit juror.

(d) Witness, or person about to be called as a witness, upon a trial or other proceeding before any court, board, or officer authorized to hear evidence or to take testimony.

(e) Any person who has been elected or appointed to public office, whether or not said person has assumed the title or duties of such office.

(2) The acceptance of, or the offer to accept, directly or indirectly, anything of apparent present or prospective value, under such circumstances, by any of the above named persons, shall also constitute public bribery.

B. For purposes of this Section, "public officer", "public employee", or "person in a position of public authority", includes those enumerated in R.S. 14:2(9), and also means any public official, public employee, or person in a position of public authority, in other states, the federal government, any foreign sovereign, or any subdivision, entity, or agency thereof.

C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of public bribery shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than ten years, or both.

(2) In addition to the penalty provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a person convicted of the provisions of this Section may be ordered to pay restitution to the state if the state suffered a loss as a result of the offense. Restitution shall include the payment of legal interest at the rate provided in R.S. 13:4202.

D. Property which was given, offered, or accepted during the commission of the crime of public bribery shall be deemed to be contraband and shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture. Upon final disposition of the case, the district attorney may petition the district court to forfeit the property seized in connection with a violation of this Section, and such property seized under this Section shall be forfeited upon:

(1) A showing by the district attorney of a conviction for a violation of the provisions of this Section.

(2) A showing by the district attorney that the seizure was made incident to an arrest with probable cause or a search under a valid search warrant pursuant to other provisions of law.

E. Property forfeited pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be disposed of as follows:

(1) When the property is not cash or currency, it shall be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 15:41.

- (2) When the property consists of cash or currency, it shall be forfeited and distributed as follows:
- (a) Fifty-five percent to the law enforcement agency or agencies who investigated the crime.
 - (b) Fifteen percent to the criminal court fund.
 - (c) Twenty-five percent to the prosecuting authority that prosecuted the crime.
 - (d) Five percent to the clerk of court.

F. If the charges of public bribery are dismissed by the district attorney, or if the accused is acquitted following a trial in the district court of the parish in which the violation is alleged to have occurred, all property shall be immediately returned to the owner.

Amended by Acts 1975, No. 802, §1; Acts 1988, No. 684, §1; Acts 2008, No. 269, §1; Acts 2010, No. 797, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2010, No. 811, §1, eff. Aug. 15, 2011; Acts 2024, No. 370, §1.

§118.1. Bribery of sports participants

A.(1) Bribing of sports participants is the giving or offering to give, directly or indirectly, anything of apparent present or prospective value to any professional or amateur baseball, football, hockey, polo, tennis, or basketball player or boxer or any person or player who participates or expects to participate in any professional or amateur game or sport or any contest of skill, speed, strength, or endurance of man or beast or any jockey, driver, groom, or any person participating or expecting to participate in any horse race, including owners of race tracks and their employees, stewards, trainers, judges, starters, or special policemen, or to any owner, manager, coach, or trainer of any team or participant in any such game, contest, or sport, with the intent to influence him to lose or cause to be lost, or corruptly to affect or influence the result thereof, or to limit his or his team's or his mount or beast's margin of victory in any baseball, football, hockey, or basketball game, boxing, tennis, or polo match or horse race or any professional or amateur sport or game in which such player or participant or jockey or driver is taking part or expects to take part, or has any duty in connection therewith.

(2) The acceptance of or the offer to accept directly or indirectly anything of apparent present or prospective value under such circumstances by any of the above named persons shall also constitute bribery of sports participants.

B. Whoever commits the crime of bribery of sports participants is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars and imprisoned for not less than one year nor more than five years, with or without hard labor, or both.

C. The offender under this Section, who states the facts under oath to the district attorney charged with the prosecution of the offense, and who gives evidence tending to convict any other offender under that Section, may, in the discretion of such district attorney be granted full immunity from prosecution in respect to the offense reported, except for perjury in giving such testimony.

Acts 1952, No. 279, §§1 to 3; Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

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§119. *Repealed by Acts 2010, No. 797, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.*

§119.1. Bribery of parents of school children

A.(1) Bribery of parents of school children is the giving or offering to give, directly or indirectly, any money or anything of apparent present or prospective value to any parent, to any tutor or guardian, to any person having legal or actual custody of, or to any person standing in loco parentis to, any child eligible to attend a public school in this state, as an inducement to encourage, influence, prompt, reward, or compensate any such person to permit, prompt, force, or cause any such child to attend any such school in violation of any law of this state.

(2) The acceptance of, or the offer to accept, directly or indirectly, any money, or anything of apparent present or prospective value, by any such person under any such circumstances, shall also constitute bribery of parents of school children.

B. Whoever commits the crime of bribery of parents of school children shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars, and imprisoned for not more than one year.

C. In the trial of persons charged with bribery of parents of school children, either the bribe-giver or the bribe-taker may give evidence, or make affidavit against the other, with immunity from prosecution in favor of the first informer, except for perjury in giving such testimony.

D. Any fine imposed and collected from the convicted person or persons under the provisions of this Section shall be paid to the informer or informers who shall give information resulting in the conviction of said person or persons.

Added by Acts 1961, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 3, §1; Acts 2001, No. 403, §1, eff. June 15, 2001; Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§120. Corrupt influencing

A. Corrupt influencing is the giving or offering to give anything of apparent present or prospective value to, or the accepting or offering to accept anything of apparent present or prospective value by, any person, with the intention that the recipient shall corruptly influence the conduct of any of the persons named in R.S. 14:118 (public bribery) in relation to such person's position, employment, or duty.

B.(1) Whoever commits the crime of corrupt influencing shall be imprisoned for not more than ten years with or without hard labor or shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or both.

(2) In addition to the penalty provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a person convicted of the provisions of this Section may be ordered to pay restitution to the state if the state suffered a loss as a result of the offense. Restitution shall include the payment of legal interest at the rate provided in R.S. 13:4202.

Amended by Acts 1980, No. 454, §1; Acts 2008, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 21, §1, eff. March 11, 2008; Acts 2010, No. 811, §1, eff. Aug. 15, 2011.

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§122. Public intimidation and retaliation

A. Public intimidation is the use of violence, force, extortionate threats, or true threats upon any of the following persons, with the intent to influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, or duty:

(1) Public officer or public employee.

(2) Grand or petit juror.

(3) Witness, or person about to be called as a witness upon a trial or other proceeding before any court, board or officer authorized to hear evidence or to take testimony.

(4) Voter or election official at any general, primary, or special election.

(5) School bus operator.

B. Retaliation against an elected official is the use of violence, force, extortionate threats, or true threats upon a person who is elected to public office, where:

(1) The violence, force, or threat is related to the duties of the elected official.

(2) Is in retaliation or retribution for actions taken by the elected official as part of his official duties.

C. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Extortionate threats" occur when a person communicates an unlawful threat to harm another person with the intention to obtain anything of value or any acquittance, advantage, or immunity of any description and the person would not otherwise be able to lawfully secure such advantage willingly from the victim.

(2) "True threats" occur when a person communicates a serious expression of an intent to commit an unlawful act of violence upon a person or group of persons with the intent to place such persons in fear of bodily harm or death. The person need not actually intend to carry out the threat.

D. Whoever commits the crime of public intimidation or retaliation against an elected official shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both.

Amended by Acts 1979, No. 479, §1; Acts 2003, No. 1089, §2; Acts 2019, No. 311, §1.

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§122.2. Threatening a public official or law enforcement officer; penalties; definitions

A.(1) Threatening a public official or law enforcement officer is engaging in any verbal or written communication that communicates a true threat to a public official or law enforcement officer.

(2) Whoever commits the crime of threatening a public official or law enforcement officer shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

B. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Law enforcement officer" means any employee of the state, a municipality, a sheriff, or other public agency, whose permanent duties actually include the making of arrests, the performing of searches and seizures, or the execution of criminal warrants, and who is responsible for the prevention or detection of crime or for the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of this state.

(2) "Public official" means any executive, ministerial, administrative, judicial, or legislative officer of the state of Louisiana.

(3) "True threats" occur when a person communicates a serious expression of an intent to commit an unlawful act of violence upon a person or group of persons with the intent to place such persons in fear of bodily harm or death. The person need not actually intend to carry out the threat.

(4) "Verbal or written communication" means any textual, visual, written, or oral communication, including communications made through social media.

Acts 1984, No. 607, §1; Acts 2019, No. 249, §1; Acts 2019, No. 311, §1.

SUBPART C. PERJURY

§123. Perjury

A. Perjury is the intentional making of a false written or oral statement in or for use in a judicial proceeding, any proceeding before a board or official, wherein such board or official is authorized to take testimony, or before any committee or subcommittee of either house or any joint committee or subcommittee of both houses of the legislature. In order to constitute perjury the false statement must be made under sanction of an oath or an equivalent affirmation and must relate to matter material to the issue or question in controversy.

B. It is a necessary element of the offense that the accused knew the statement to be false, but an unqualified statement of that which one does not know or definitely believe to be true is equivalent to a statement of that which he knows to be false.

C. Whoever commits the crime of perjury shall be punished as follows: (1) When committed on a trial in which a sentence of death or life imprisonment may be imposed, the offender shall be fined not more than one hundred thousand dollars or imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five years, nor more than forty years, or both.

(2) When committed on a trial in which a sentence of imprisonment necessarily at hard labor for any period less than a life sentence may be imposed, the offender shall be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned at hard labor for not less than one year, nor more than twenty years, or both.

(3) When committed in all other cases in which any other sentence may be imposed, the offender shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

(4) When committed in any civil action, administrative proceeding, legislative hearing or proceeding, or in any other legal proceeding, by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

Acts 1995, No. 820, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1312, §1; Acts 2001, No. 403, §1, eff. June 15, 2001; Acts 2004, No. 399, §1.

§124. Inconsistent statements; perjury

A. It shall constitute perjury whenever any person, having taken an oath required by law, or made an equivalent affirmation, swears or affirms any fact or state of facts material to the issue or question in controversy; and thereafter in the same or other proceedings, where such matter is material to the issue or question in controversy, swears or affirms in a manner materially contradictory of or inconsistent with his former sworn or affirmed statement. It shall not be necessary for the prosecution, in such case, to show which of the contradictory or inconsistent statements was false; but it shall be an affirmative defense that at the time he made them, the accused honestly believed both statements to be true.

B. This Section shall be applicable only in cases where at least one of the contradictory or inconsistent statements was made in, or for use in, a judicial proceeding or a proceeding before a board or official wherein such board or official is authorized to take testimony.

Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§125. False swearing

A. False swearing is the intentional making of a written or oral statement, known to be false, under sanction of an oath or an equivalent affirmation, where such oath or affirmation is required by law; provided that this article shall not apply where such false statement is made in, or for use in, a judicial proceeding or any proceeding before a board or official, wherein such board or official is authorized to take testimony.

B. Whoever commits the crime of false swearing shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

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**SUBPART E. MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AFFECTING
JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS AND PUBLIC RECORDS**

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§132. Injuring public records

A. First degree injuring public records is the intentional removal, mutilation, destruction, alteration, falsification, or concealment of any record, document, or other thing, filed or deposited, by authority of law, in any public office or with any public officer.

B. Second degree injuring public records is the intentional removal, mutilation, destruction, alteration, falsification, or concealment of any record, document, or other thing, defined as a public record pursuant to R.S. 44:1 et seq. and required to be preserved in any public office or by any person or public officer pursuant to R.S. 44:36.

C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of first degree injuring public records shall be imprisoned for not more than five years with or without hard labor or shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or both.

(2) Whoever commits the crime of second degree injuring public records shall be imprisoned for not more than one year with or without hard labor or shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or both.

Amended by Acts 1980, No. 454, §1; Acts 1999, No. 671, §1, eff. July 1, 1999.

§133. Filing or maintaining false public records

A. Filing false public records is the filing or depositing for record in any public office or with any public official, or the maintaining as required by law, regulation, or rule, with knowledge of its falsity, of any of the following:

- (1) Any forged document.
- (2) Any wrongfully altered document.
- (3) Any document containing a false statement or false representation of a material fact.

B. The good faith inclusion of any item of cost on a Medical Assistance Program cost report which is later determined by audit to be nonreimbursable under state and federal regulations shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this Section.

C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of filing false public records shall be imprisoned for not more than five years with or without hard labor or shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

(2) In addition to the penalty provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a person convicted of the provisions of this Section may be ordered to pay restitution to the state if the state suffered a loss as a result of the offense. Restitution shall include the payment of legal interest at the rate provided in R.S. 13:4202.

Amended by Acts 1980, No. 454, §1; Acts 1982, No. 676, §1; Acts 1992, No. 539, §1; Acts 1995, No. 787, §1; Acts 2010, No. 811, §1, eff. Aug. 15, 2011.

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SUBPART F. OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES

§134. Malfeasance in office

A. Malfeasance in office is committed when any public officer or public employee shall:

(1) Intentionally refuse or fail to perform any duty lawfully required of him, as such officer or employee;
or

(2) Intentionally perform any such duty in an unlawful manner; or

(3) Knowingly permit any other public officer or public employee, under his authority, to intentionally refuse or fail to perform any duty lawfully required of him, or to perform any such duty in an unlawful manner; or

(4) Willfully and knowingly subject any person to the deprivation of any right, privilege, or immunity secured or protected by the United States Constitution and laws, if serious bodily injury or death results.

B. Any duty lawfully required of a public officer or public employee when delegated by him to a public officer or public employee shall be deemed to be a lawful duty of such public officer or employee. The delegation of such lawful duty shall not relieve the public officer or employee of his lawful duty.

C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of malfeasance in office shall be imprisoned for not more than ten years, with or without hard labor, or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

(2) In addition to the penalty provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a person convicted of the provisions of this Section may be ordered to pay restitution to the state if the state suffered a loss as a result of the offense. Restitution shall include the payment of legal interest at the rate provided in R.S. 13:4202.

(3) If the individual convicted of the crime of malfeasance in office is a P.O.S.T. certified full-time, part-time, or reserve peace officer, the P.O.S.T. certification of that peace officer shall be immediately revoked pursuant to R.S. 40:2405(J).

Amended by Acts 1980, No. 454, §1; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 128, §6; Acts 2010, No. 811, §1, eff. Aug. 15, 2011; Acts 2016, No. 273, §1; Acts 2022, No. 668, §1, eff. June 18, 2022; Acts 2024, No. 456, §1.

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§134.3. Abuse of office

A. No public officer or public employee shall knowingly and intentionally use the authority of his office or position, directly or indirectly, to compel or coerce any person to provide the public officer, public employee or any other person with anything of apparent present or prospective value when the public officer or employee is not entitled by the nature of his office to the services sought or the object of his demand.

B.(1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined up to five thousand dollars, or be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years.

(2) In addition to the penalty provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a person convicted of the provisions of this Section may be ordered to pay restitution to the state if the state suffered a loss as a result of the offense. Restitution shall include the payment of legal interest at the rate provided in R.S. 13:4202.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to benefits or services rendered to a person who is entitled to such benefits or services from the state or any political subdivision of the state or any governmental entity when the public officer or public employee is performing his duties as authorized by law. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit or limit the ability of a public officer or public employee from performing his duties as authorized by law or as a condition of his employment or office.

Acts 2008, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 22, §1, eff. March 11, 2008; Acts 2010, No. 811, §1, eff. Aug. 15, 2011.

§135. Public salary deduction

A. Public salary deduction is committed when any public officer or public employee retains or diverts for his own use or the use of any other person or political organization, any part of the salary or fees allowed by law to any other public officer or public employee, unless authorized in writing by the said public officer or public employee.

B. Whoever commits the crime of public salary deduction shall be imprisoned for not more than five years with or without hard labor or shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or both.

Amended by Acts 1980, No. 454, §1; Acts 1999, No. 318, §1.

§136. Public salary extortion

A. Public salary extortion is committed when any person shall:

(1) Solicit or receive, or attempt to solicit or receive, either directly or indirectly, the payment of any money or other thing of value from any public officer or public employee to himself or any other person or political organization, through any means or form whatsoever and for any purpose whatsoever, when such

payment is obtained or solicited upon suggestion or threat that the failure to make such payment shall result in the loss or impairment of value to such officer or employee of his office or employment, or when such payment shall be a reward or remuneration for securing such office or employment; and proof that such payments were collected from or paid by such officers or employees on a uniform or progressive percentage or amount basis, shall be presumptive evidence that payments were made under duress or upon the considerations set forth hereinbefore; however, a written request made pursuant to R.S. 14:135 shall serve to rebut the presumption that payment was made under duress; or

(2) Solicit or receive or attempt to solicit or receive, either directly or indirectly, the contribution of any money or other thing of value for any general, primary or special election or for any other political purpose, from any person holding any office or employment for remuneration or profit, including those persons who work on a commission basis, with the state, who receive a remuneration of two hundred dollars per month or less from such employment; provided that this Subdivision shall not apply where the person solicited or whose contribution was received was an elective public officer or a candidate for any elective public office.

B. Whoever commits the crime of public salary extortion shall be imprisoned for not more than five years with or without hard labor or shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or both.

Amended by Acts 1980, No. 454, §1; Acts 1999, No. 318, §1.

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§138. Public payroll fraud

A. Public payroll fraud is committed when:

(1) Any person shall knowingly receive any payment or compensation, or knowingly permit his name to be carried on any employment list or payroll for any payment or compensation from the state, for services not actually rendered by himself, or for services grossly inadequate for the payment or compensation received or to be received according to such employment list or payroll; or

(2) Any public officer or public employee shall carry, cause to be carried, or permit to be carried, directly or indirectly, upon the employment list or payroll of his office, the name of any person as employee, or shall pay any employee, with knowledge that such employee is receiving payment or compensation for services not actually rendered by said employee or for services grossly inadequate for such payment or compensation.

B. This Section shall not apply in the following situations:

(1) When a bona fide public officer or public employee, who is justifiably absent from his job or position for a reasonable time, continues to receive his usual compensation or a part thereof.

(2) When arrangements between firefighters to swap work or perform substitute work with or for each other is done in compliance with the provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 207(p)(3) and the associated regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations and in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the appointing authority.

C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of public payroll fraud shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.

(2) In addition to the penalty provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a person convicted of the provisions of this Section may be ordered to pay restitution to the state if the state suffered a loss as a result of the offense. Restitution shall include the payment of legal interest at the rate provided in R.S. 13:4202.

Acts 1997, No. 538, §1; Acts 2010, No. 811, §1, eff. Aug. 15, 2011.

§139. Political payroll padding

A. Political payroll padding is committed when any public officer or public employee shall, at any time during the six months preceding any election for governor:

(1) Increase the number of public employees in his office, department, board, agency, or institution more than five percent over the average number of such employees for each of the first six months of the twelve months next preceding the election; or

(2) Increase the payroll or other operating expenses of his office, department, board, agency, or institution more than fifteen percent over its average amount of such expenditures for each of the months of the first six months of the twelve months next preceding the election.

B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply where the increases are necessitated by flood, invasion by a common enemy, or other public emergency.

C. Whoever commits the crime of political payroll padding shall be imprisoned for not more than five years with or without hard labor or shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or both.

Amended by Acts 1980, No. 454, §1; Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§139.1. Political payroll padding by sheriff; sale of assets of sheriff's office prohibited

A. During the six months preceding a gubernatorial election and during the time interval between the gubernatorial election and the first day of July following election, it shall be unlawful for any sheriff to do any of the following:

(1) Increase the number of deputies or employees in his office by more than five percent over the average number of such employees for each of the first six months of the twelve months preceding the election.

(2) Increase the payroll or other operating expenses of his office more than fifteen percent over its average amount of such expenditures for each of the months of the first six months of the twelve months preceding the election.

(3) Transfer title and ownership of the capital assets of his office of a value in excess of ten percent of the total value of assets as reflected in the current inventory filed in the office of the sheriff under the provisions of R.S. 24:513, as of the date of the primary election.

B. In determining whether any surplus or deficit exists in the office of any sheriff at the expiration of a term of office, the current market value of the capital assets of the office as set forth in the inventory filed in accordance with R.S. 24:513 shall be included in the total assets of the sheriff's office.

C.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not apply when the increases or decreases are necessitated by flood, invasion by common enemy, or other public emergency. In addition, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any increase based upon the utilization of additional revenue from a tax district election or to an increase necessitated by the completion of a new or expansion of an existing prison facility or an emergency communications call or dispatch center.

(2)(a) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to an incumbent sheriff, against whom no person has qualified to run, for any transfers or increases that occur after the date the qualifying period closes for the gubernatorial election through the first day of July following the election.

(b) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to an incumbent sheriff, who is reelected to office, for any transfers or increases that occur after the date the official election results are declared by the election official through the first day of July following the election.

D. Whoever violates the provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years or shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

Added by Acts 1981, No. 505, §1; Acts 1999, No. 108, §1; Acts 2018, No. 212, §1; Acts 2020, No. 8, §1.

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§140. Public contract fraud

A. Public contract fraud is committed:

(1) When any public officer or public employee shall use his power or position as such officer or employee to secure any expenditure of public funds to himself, or to any partnership of which he is a member, or to any corporation of which he is an officer, stockholder, or director.

(2) When any member of any public board, body, or commission charged with the custody, control, or expenditure of any public funds votes for or uses his influence to secure any expenditure of such funds to himself, or to any partnership of which he is a member, or to any corporation of which he is an officer, director, or stockholder.

(3) When any sheriff charged with the duties of enforcing the laws of this state or any political subdivision thereof shall enter into a contract, either written or oral, individually or as a member or stockholder of any partnership, company, or corporation, with any such person whereby such sheriff or partnership, company, or corporation, of which he is a member or stockholder is to perform any services of a law enforcement nature; provided, however, a deputy sheriff may, as an employee only, perform services of a law enforcement nature for any person, partnership, company, or corporation, but only if the deputy sheriff fulfills his employee performance requirements while not on official duty.

B. The fact that an expenditure has been made to any party named in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Subsection A of this Section, or to any partnership of which he is a member, or to any corporation of which he is an officer, stockholder, or director, shall be presumptive evidence that such person has used his power, position, or influence to secure such expenditure.

C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of public contract fraud shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.

(2) In addition to the penalty provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a person convicted of the provisions of this Section may be ordered to pay restitution to the state if the state suffered a loss as a result of the offense. Restitution shall include the payment of legal interest at the rate provided in R.S. 13:4202.

Amended by Acts 1968, No. 487, §1; Acts 1979, No. 562, §1; Acts 2010, No. 811, §1, eff. Aug. 15, 2011.

§141. Prohibited splitting of profits, fees or commissions; exceptions

A. For the purposes of this Section, "splitting of profits, fees or commissions" means the giving, offering to give, receiving or offering to receive, directly or indirectly, anything of apparent present or prospective value by or to a public officer or public employee or to any fund or fiduciary existing for the benefit of or use by such public officer or employee, when such value is derived from any agreement or contract to which the state or any political subdivision thereof is a party.

B. There shall be no splitting of profits, fees or commissions, past or present, derived from the sale of any commodity, goods, services, insurance, or anything of value to the state or any political subdivision thereof from which a public officer or public employee, representing the state or a political subdivision, as the case may be, in his official capacity, receives or offers to receive a portion of the profits, fees and/or commissions. The contract shall be a public record.

C. Whoever commits the crime of receiving or offering to receive a portion of the profits, fees or commissions as provided by this Section shall upon conviction be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than ten years, or both.

Added by Acts 1972, No. 760, §1; Acts 2011, No. 343, §1.

CHAPTER 2. MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AND OFFENSES

PART III. OFFENSES AFFECTING THE PUBLIC GENERALLY

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§325. Annual registration of conductors of public opinion polls; penalty for failure

A.(1) Any persons, associations, partnerships, or corporations who offer themselves to the public as professional poll takers shall register with the secretary of state before commencing such activity and annually thereafter not later than February fifteenth of each year. Only the managing or overseeing party responsible for conducting the poll must register under this Act, and it will not be necessary for individuals hired by the managing or overseeing party to register on an individual basis.

(2) Such registration shall state that the person, association, partnership, or corporation is engaging in the making of public opinion polls or samplings in the state of Louisiana; the name and current mailing address of the person, association, partnership, or corporation under which the polls are conducted; the name and current mailing address of the principal executive officer thereof; and the year for which the registration is filed. It shall be signed by the principal executive officer thereof. The secretary of state is directed to collect a registration fee as provided in R.S. 49:222 for each such registration.

B. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be punishable, for the first offense, by a fine of one hundred dollars or ten days in jail, or both; for the second offense, by a fine of two hundred dollars or ten days in jail, or both; and for the third offense, by a fine of five hundred dollars or ten days in jail, or both.

C. The secretary of state shall keep the registrations filed with him under this section as a part of the permanent public records of his office and may cause same to be published annually.

Acts 1960, No. 564, §§1, 2. Amended by Acts 1972, No. 602, §1; Acts 2008, No. 913, §3.

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PART IV. OFFENSES AFFECTING ORGANIZED GOVERNMENT

§351. Bail, sale, etc. of real estate securing, prohibited; penalty

A. No person shall, with intent to defraud, sell, transfer, donate, give, mortgage, hypothecate, or in any way encumber to the prejudice of the state any real estate offered as security to the state on any bail or appearance bond for the release of any person charged with crime.

B. Whoever violates this Section shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than six months nor more than twelve months.

Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§352. *Repealed by Acts 2010, No. 797, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.*

TITLE 17. EDUCATION

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL SCHOOL LAW

PART II. PARISH SCHOOL BOARDS

SUBPART C. ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

§121. Orleans Parish; election and terms of members; apportionment; qualifications; compensation; vacancies; prohibited acts

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D. *Repealed by Acts 2005, No. 284, §1.*

Acts 1960, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 4, §1, emerg. eff. Jan. 12, 1961; Amended by Acts 1970, No. 334, §1; Acts 1979, No. 448, §1; Acts 1984, No. 552, §1, eff. July 6, 1984; Acts 1985, No. 854, §1; Acts 1993, No. 649, §1, eff. June 16, 1993; Acts 2005, No. 284, §1.

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PART III. PUBIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

SUBPART A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§158.2. Purchase of school buses; resale to bus operators

A. The purpose of this Section shall be to assist city and parish school boards in providing school bus transportation by facilitating the acquisition of new and used school buses by school bus operators. The legislature hereby declares that the purchase of school buses by school boards and the resale thereof to school bus operators in order to facilitate such acquisition is a public purpose.

B. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, especially R.S. 49:125 and R.S. 42:1113, each city and parish school board is hereby authorized to purchase school buses and to resell such buses to any school bus operator employed by the board or with whom the board has contracted to provide transportation services for students. Any such school bus shall be used by the operator to transport students on the operator's assigned bus route.

C. Any school bus resold pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be sold only after the city or parish school board has complied with the following procedure:

(1) The school board shall obtain two written appraisals of the fair market value of the bus subject to the sale.

(2) Publication of notice of intent of the school board to sell the bus at private sale shall have been made in the official journal of the board at least fifteen days prior to the date of sale.

(3) No sale shall be for less than the average value contained in the appraisals obtained pursuant to R.S. 17:158.2(C)(1).

D. Any school bus used to transport students, including an activity or backup bus, shall not be more than twenty-five years old. Any school bus used as an activity or backup bus, at the time it is acquired by the owner and placed in service, shall be fifteen or fewer model years old. The number of years shall be reckoned from the date of introduction of the model year.

E. Any school bus used as an activity or backup bus that is older than fifteen model years shall not be used more than sixty consecutive school days in a school year.

Added by Acts 1982, No. 67, §1, eff. July 11, 1982. Acts 1984, No. 154, §1; Acts 2014, No. 257, §1.

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CHAPTER 2. TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§432. Outstanding teachers; superintendents' awards; other merit awards

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D. Award recipients shall be suitably recognized by award by the local superintendent of an appropriate plaque or certificate of merit at a reception or other honorary meeting or ceremony. The recipients may also be presented a monetary award by the local superintendent in an amount approved by the local school board. Such monetary award shall not be a violation of R.S. 42:1111 or any other provision of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The state Department of Education shall provide for recognition of award recipients by the state superintendent of education.

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Acts 1985, No. 115, §1; Acts 1986, No. 134, §1, eff. June 26, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 308, §1, eff. June 30, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 305, §1; Acts 1995, No. 289, §1; Acts 2003, No. 297, §1.

§432.1. Outstanding school support employee award; definition; selection; recognition

A. For purposes of this Section, "school support employee" shall mean, without limitation, teacher aides and paraprofessionals, school bus operators, food service workers, clerical, custodial, and maintenance personnel, and any other employee of a city, parish, or other local public school board who is not required to hold a teacher's certificate as a condition of employment.

B.(1) Beginning with the 1990-1991 school year and annually thereafter, the superintendent of each such system shall select one school support employee from the elementary schools in the system, one school support employee from the middle or junior high schools in the system, and one school support employee from the high schools in the system to receive the outstanding elementary school, outstanding middle or junior high school, and outstanding high school support employee of the year award.

(2) The selection of these three outstanding school support employees shall be based upon minimum criteria established by the state Department of Education with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and shall include the establishment of objective procedures to consider the following factors:

- (a) Skill and dedication.
- (b) Plans to continue active employment status.
- (c) Respect of and rapport with students.
- (d) Respect of and rapport with coworkers.

(e) Respect of and rapport with teachers.

(f) Community leadership.

(3) The department with the approval of the board shall establish procedures to include school support employees from special schools in the selection process.

(4) The department with the approval of the board shall establish procedures for the categorization of school support employees into each classification specified in Subsection A for purposes of selection of recipients for such awards.

C. Any nominations from each school system participating in the school support employee of the year awards program shall be submitted by each school principal to the city, parish, or other local public school system superintendent and shall be made by school support employees or school support employee groups through use of procedures established by the local system for this purpose. The final selection process shall include a formal mechanism to obtain school support employee, teacher, and community recommendations and opinions.

D. The superintendent for each school system participating in the school support employee of the year awards program shall report to the state Department of Education on the three selections made from the respective school system for outstanding school support employee of the year.

E. Award recipients shall be suitably recognized by award by the local superintendent of an appropriate plaque or certificate of merit at a reception or other honorary meeting or ceremony. The recipients may also be presented a monetary award by the local superintendent in an amount approved by the local school board. Such monetary award shall not be a violation of R.S. 42:1111 or any other provision of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The state Department of Education shall provide for recognition of award recipients by the state superintendent of education.

Acts 1990, No. 1081, §1; Acts 1993, No. 648, §1, eff. June 16, 1993; Acts 1995, No. 289, §1; Acts 2003, No. 297, §1; Acts 2017, No. 335, §1.

§433. Outstanding state teacher award

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C. The state teacher of the year shall participate in any national teacher of the year contest, when appropriate.

D. Monetary awards shall be provided to the state teachers of the year at the state level when funds are available, and may be provided from private sources subject to the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Such monetary award shall not be a violation of R.S. 42:1111 or any other provision of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Acts 1986, No. 134, §1, eff. June 26, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 308, §1, eff. June 30, 1986; Acts 1995, No. 289, §1; Acts 2003, No. 743, §1, eff. June 27, 2003.

§433.1. Outstanding state principal awards

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D. Monetary awards shall be provided to the state principals of the year at the state level when funds are available, and may be provided from private sources subject to the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Such monetary awards shall not be a violation of R.S. 42:1111 or any other provision of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Acts 2003, No. 743, §1, eff. June 27, 2003.

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CHAPTER 14. LOUISIANA SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM

PART III. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

§2758. *Repealed by Acts 2014, No. 452, §1, eff. June 4, 2014; Repealed by Acts 2014, No. 832, §8(B).*

CHAPTER 27. MONTESSORI SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

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§3403. Minimum requirements for teacher certification; authorization for supplemental compensation

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C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person teaching in a Montessori school who receives a salary paid by the government of France may receive additional compensation paid by the employing school out of funds available to the school for such purpose whether such funds are part of its normal operating budget or are provided by its parent organization or any local, state, or federal educational organization or foundation. The school may compensate the person up to the amount of the difference in salary paid such person by the government of France and the average salary of a teacher in a public school in Louisiana with comparable qualifications and experience.

Acts 1976, No. 290, §1; Acts 1982, No. 400, §1, eff. July 20, 1982; Acts 2000, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 56, §1, eff. April 17, 2000; Acts 2024, No. 186, §1.

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CHAPTER 42. CHARTER SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS LAW

PART IV. CHARTER CONTENTS, RENEWAL, AND REVOCATION AND CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND LIMITATIONS

§3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation; board membership

A.(1)(a) Except for a Type 4 charter school, a charter school approved and established in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall be organized as a nonprofit corporation under applicable state and federal laws.

(b)(i) Should a charter school be established with a governing or management board, the members of such shall receive no compensation other than reimbursement of actual expenses incurred while fulfilling duties as a member of such a board.

(ii) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or any other law to the contrary, a member of a charter school governing or management board may serve as an officer, director, or employee, whether compensated or not, of any national or state bank; however, he shall recuse himself from voting in favor of any such bank and shall disclose the reason for such recusal by

filing a statement of the reason into the minutes or record of the charter school governing or management board and by forwarding a disclosure form to the Board of Ethics.

(c)(i) A charter school shall be prohibited from employing, in any manner, any member of the governing or management board of such school.

(ii) Not more than twenty percent of the members of any governing or management board of a charter school shall be members of the same immediate family. Members of the same immediate family shall include a board member and any other board members to whom he is related as defined in R.S. 42:1102(13) and any other board members to whom any of them are so related.

(iii) Beginning October 1, 2018, the membership of the governing or management board of each charter school located in a parish with a population of between three hundred twenty-five thousand and three hundred seventy-five thousand persons, based on the most recent federal decennial census, shall include at least one member who is a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent of a student enrolled in the charter school or an alumnus of the school, who may be appointed or elected. Each charter school governing or management board shall adopt a policy prescribing the process and timelines for either appointing or electing a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent of a student or an alumnus of the school to the board. The policy shall be provided to the parents of each child enrolled in the school and published on the school's website.

(iv) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the governing or management board of each charter school, other than a Type 2 charter school, located in a parish with a population of between three hundred twenty-five thousand and three hundred seventy-five thousand persons, based on the most recent federal decennial census, shall be representative of the community in which the charter school is located by race and gender to ensure diversity, and no fewer than sixty percent of its members shall reside in the parish in which the school is located.

(2) Consistent with the provisions of this Chapter, a charter school and its officers and employees may exercise any power and perform any function necessary, requisite, or proper for the management of the charter school not denied by its charter, the provisions of this Chapter, or other laws applicable to the charter school.

B. Each proposed charter shall contain or make provision for the following:

(1)(a)(i) That for charter schools created as new schools and charter schools created as a result of a conversion after the 2011-2012 school year, the percentage of the total number of students enrolled in the charter school based on the October first student membership who are economically disadvantaged and students with exceptionalities as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including gifted and talented, shall be equal to not less than seventy percent of the average percentage of students enrolled in the local public school districts from which the charter school enrolls its students who are economically disadvantaged and shall be equal to not less than seventy percent of the average percentage of students enrolled in the local public school districts from which the charter school enrolls its students who have been identified as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including gifted and talented. For the purposes of fulfilling the provisions of this Section, the economically disadvantaged and students with exceptionalities percentage for the local public school district shall remain fixed during the term of the approved charter at the percentage which existed during the school year that the charter proposal was approved or renewed.

(ii) Except as provided in Subitem (cc) of this Item, the requirements of Item (i) of this Subparagraph shall not apply to any charter school which is established with the educational mission of meeting the needs of students who are the dependent children of military personnel provided that all of the following conditions are met:

(aa) The charter school predominantly enrolls pupils who, at the time of enrollment, are the dependent children of military personnel.

(bb) All dependent children of military personnel who seek admission to the school and who are economically disadvantaged as defined in R.S. 17:3973 are admitted to the school.

(cc) In the enrollment of pupils from the general population in the community where the charter school is located who are not dependent children of military personnel, the charter school shall comply with the provisions of Item (i) of this Subparagraph, except that the requirements contained therein shall apply to and be based upon only such general population pupils admitted.

(b)(i) That for charter schools created as a result of a conversion during or prior to the 2011-2012 school year, the percentage of the total number of students enrolled in the charter school based on the October first student membership who are economically disadvantaged and students with exceptionalities as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including gifted and talented, unless otherwise agreed to as part of the charter agreement, by the chartering authority, shall be equal to not less than the percentage of the total of students enrolled in the school in the school year prior to the establishment of the charter school who were economically disadvantaged and shall be equal to not less than the percentage of the total of students enrolled in the school in the school year prior to the establishment of the charter school who were identified as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including gifted and talented.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of Item (i) of this Subparagraph, that for Type 2, Type 3, and Type 4 charter schools in Richland Parish, the percentage of the total number of pupils enrolled in the charter school based on the October first pupil membership who are at risk, in the manner provided in R.S. 17:3973(1)(a) and (e), shall be, as near as practicable, not more than the percentage of the total number of pupils enrolled in the public elementary and secondary schools and in the state-approved nonpublic elementary and secondary schools located in the local public school district in which the charter school is located who are eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced lunch program or who have been identified as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including gifted and talented. However, in no case shall the initial enrollment of such a school nor the cohort of students enrolled for each new school year have, as near as practicable, fewer than fifty percent students who are at risk in the manner provided in R.S. 17:3973(1)(a) and (e).

(c) For the purposes of this Section, students holding a valid passport from the country of France shall not be counted when calculating the overall percentage of students attending the charter school who are economically disadvantaged.

(d) The provisions of this Paragraph and Paragraph (3) of this Subsection shall not apply to Type 5 or 3B charters.

(e)(i) The state board shall develop and administer a process for determining if a charter school is meeting the student enrollment requirements of this Paragraph. The process shall provide for an investigation of a charter school that fails to meet the requirements to determine the reasons for such failure and all actions taken by the school toward meeting the requirements. The process also shall include a clear identification of the responsibilities of the charter school, the local school board of the district in which the charter school is located, and the state board for meeting the needs of the students.

(ii) The state board shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the implementation of this Subparagraph.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the aggregate student enrollment data for all of the charter schools located within the boundaries of the city or parish school system in which a charter school is located meets the enrollment requirements of economically disadvantaged students and students with exceptionalities, not including gifted and talented, as provided in this Paragraph, every charter school located within the boundaries of the school system shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph.

(2) A statement of the school's role, scope, and mission.

(3) Admission requirements, if any, that are consistent with the school's role, scope, and mission may be established pursuant to rules promulgated by the state board. Such admission requirements shall be specific and shall include a system for admission decisions which precludes exclusion of pupils based on

race, religion, gender, ethnicity, national origin, intelligence level as ascertained by an intelligence quotient examination, identification as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942(B), or identification as a student who is economically disadvantaged. Such admission requirements may include, however, specific requirements related to a school's mission such as auditions for schools with a performing arts mission or proficiency in a foreign language for schools with a language immersion mission. Any school which was chartered prior to July 1, 2012, and which incorporated achievement of a certain academic record as part of its admission requirements may continue to use such admission requirements. No local board shall assign any pupil to attend a charter school, except that a local board in a district in which fifty percent or more of the public schools in the district are charter schools and that uses a single application and enrollment process adopted by the local board for public school enrollment may assign a pupil to a charter school based on such enrollment process, the preferences of the pupil's parent or legal guardian, the charter school's admission requirements, the charter contract, and the local board's policies.

(4)(a) A description of the jurisdiction within which a pupil shall reside or otherwise be eligible to attend a public school in order to be eligible for admission.

(b) A description of the geographic boundaries circumscribing the neighborhood immediately surrounding the charter school from which students residing within may be given preference for enrollment as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

(5) A financial and accounting plan sufficient to permit a governmental audit.

(6) A description of how the proposed charter school fulfills one or more of the purposes specified in this Chapter, including how the best interests of students who are economically disadvantaged will be considered.

(7) A description of the education program offered by the school, including how the program will meet the educational needs of students who qualify as economically disadvantaged and students with exceptionalities as defined in R.S. 17:1942(B).

(8) The specific academic and other educational results to be achieved, the timelines for such achievement, and how results will be measured and assessed.

(9) *Repealed by Acts 2012, No. 2, §2.*

(10) The organizational, governance, and operational structure of the school. Any qualifications required of charter school administrators and governing board members shall be as prescribed in the charter school agreement.

(11) Policies, programs, and practices to ensure parental involvement.

(12) Personnel policies and employment practices applicable to the school's officers and employees.

(13) Assurance that teachers and other school employees will be evaluated in accordance with R.S. 17:3997.

(14) School rules and regulations applicable to pupils including disciplinary policies and procedures that incorporate research-based discipline programs, such as positive behavioral interventions and supports and restorative justice principles in accordance with R.S. 17:252.

(15) Information concerning the school location and the adequacy of its facilities and equipment. Such information shall include a statement of the procedures to be followed and disposition of facilities and equipment should the charter be terminated or not renewed.

(16) Management and accounting practices to be employed.

(17) Provisions regarding liability issues.

(18) Types and amounts of insurance coverage provided.

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(19) The methods and procedures to be used for monitoring the charter school by the chartering authority. Such methods and procedures shall be established through agreement by all parties and shall include the right of the chartering authority and its designated officer to visit and inspect the charter school on a reasonable basis.

(20) A requirement that curriculum shall be focused on the intellectual domain with intellectual development defined as acquisition of discrete technical and academic skills. No curriculum at a charter school shall be offered that would limit in any way the ability of a pupil to attend the school in the public school system that the student would otherwise attend if not enrolled at the charter school.

(21) A requirement that charter schools regularly assess the academic progress of their pupils, including the participation of such pupils in the state testing programs, and share such information with parents. The state Department of Education shall work directly with each charter school regarding the implementation of the state testing program in those schools.

(22) A requirement that a pupil shall have a mastery of grade-appropriate skills before the pupil can be recommended for promotion or promoted.

(23) Provisions regarding the security of the school. If a local school board provides security services for its schools then it shall make such services available to any of its Type 1, 3, 3B, or 4 charter schools on terms as provided within the charter agreement.

(24) A plan for collecting data in accordance with R.S. 17:3911.

C. A charter school shall:

(1)(a) Enroll an eligible pupil who is eligible under the residency requirements established in the charter as required in Paragraph (B)(4) of this Section and who submits a timely application unless the total number of eligible applicants exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school, in which case the charter school shall conduct an admissions lottery as provided in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph.

(b)(i) An application shall be timely if it is submitted within the period designated by the charter school, which period shall not be less than one month nor more than three months. There shall be an established application period for each successive school year.

(ii) Application information, including enrollment eligibility, any applicable enrollment preferences, program enrollment capacity, the application period, and any important application and enrollment dates, shall be made available to all applicants and posted on the school's website.

(c)(i) Except as is provided in Items (ii) and (iii) of this Subparagraph, the charter school shall admit no pupil during the application period but shall wait until the period has ended. If fewer eligible pupils have applied than is the maximum that the school can admit, then all eligible pupils shall be admitted and additional pupils may apply and be admitted for the school year to which the application period applies until the maximum number is admitted. If the total number of eligible applicants exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school, admission to the program, class, grade level, or school shall be based on an admissions lottery conducted from among the total number of eligible applicants done in such a fashion as to ensure enrollment transparency. Lottery information, including when and where the lottery will be conducted, the mechanism by which the lottery will be conducted, and the results of the lottery, including any waiting list information, shall be made available to all applicants. Applicants placed on a lottery enrollment waiting list shall be notified of their waiting list ranking and notified of any changes to the enrollment waiting list throughout the school year. There shall be an established lottery each successive school year as necessary. Lottery enrollment waiting lists shall not roll over from one school year to the next.

(ii) In the case of the creation of a charter by the conversion of a preexisting school, pupils enrolled in the preexisting school shall be given preference over all other applicants and the applications procedure shall be established in a fashion that provides ample opportunity for such pupils to exercise the right for preferential admission.

(iii) A charter school may modify its enrollment procedures in order to give preference to students previously enrolled in the school and their siblings and to give preference to siblings submitting their applications to enroll in the school for the first time.

(iv) Unless otherwise provided for within the charter, charter schools may not enroll in any given year more than one hundred twenty percent of the total number of students which had been approved in their charter without formally amending their charter. The state board may authorize the state superintendent of education and the superintendent of the Recovery School District to amend the charter of any Type 5 charter school participating in a unified enrollment system administered by the Recovery School District for the purpose of adjusting student enrollment limitations.

(v) A charter school may directly enroll the child of a faculty member if the child meets all admission requirements for the school. No student admitted to a charter school pursuant to this Item shall be counted to determine whether such enrollment exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school. A charter authorizer that uses a common application and enrollment process for its charter schools shall adopt uniform policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this Item, but such policies and procedures shall not limit the ability of a school to exercise the authority granted by this Item.

(vi) A charter school with a foreign immersion mission may directly enroll the child of a foreign consular officer who resides in Louisiana if the child meets all mission-related and academic admission requirements established for the school. No student admitted to a charter school pursuant to this Item shall be counted to determine whether such enrollment exceeds the enrollment capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school. A charter authorizer that uses a common application and enrollment process for its charter schools shall adopt uniform policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this Item, but such policies and procedures shall not limit the ability of a school to exercise the authority granted by this Item.

(d) Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, each elementary and middle charter school, other than a Type 2 charter school, may request from and be granted by its chartering authority the authority to give preference in its enrollment procedures to students residing within the neighborhood immediately surrounding the school. The geographic boundaries of the neighborhood immediately surrounding such school shall be determined by the school's chartering authority.

(e) The state board shall develop rules and regulations for determining a charter school's compliance with the application and enrollment transparency requirements set forth in this Subsection. The state board shall also provide for a process to investigate allegations of discriminatory practices of a charter school that shall include but not be limited to the review of data related to a charter school's enrollment, discipline, parent complaints, and identification of students with exceptionalities, not including gifted and talented. The state board shall annually produce a status report regarding enrollment percentages of economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities.

(2) Conduct the pupil assessments required by the state board for pupils in other public schools pursuant to R.S. 17:24.4.

(3) Be subject to any court-ordered desegregation plan in effect for the city or parish school system.

(4) Comply with the criteria set forth in *Brumfield, et al. v. Dodd, et al.*, 425 F. Supp. 528.

(5) Be nonsectarian in its programs, admissions policies, and employment practices.

(6) Employ instructional staff who have at least a baccalaureate degree and who shall be subject to all provisions of state law relative to background checks applicable to the employment of public school personnel.

(7) Have the autonomy necessary to manage its educational programming and daily operations in accordance with law, policy, and contract.

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D.(1) A charter school may negotiate with the local school board in whose jurisdiction it is located for use of facilities and the operation and maintenance thereof, for pupil transportation, and for other support services provided by the board to other public schools in the system.

(2)(a)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 17:158(A), if the local school board is requested to provide transportation services to a charter school student pursuant to R.S. 17:158, then the charter school receiving the transportation services shall reimburse the local school board for the actual cost of providing such transportation unless an amount less than actual cost is agreed upon by both parties.

(ii) Providing transportation services pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph and the amount reimbursed to the local school board by a charter school for such services shall be in accordance with a written agreement entered into for this purpose by the charter school and the local school board prior to any transportation services being provided by the board for students at the charter school.

(iii) By not later than ninety days following the end of each fiscal year, the local school board shall provide the charter school with an itemized accounting of the actual cost of transportation services provided to the charter school students.

(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any contract or agreement for providing transportation services between a charter school and the local school board which is in effect on August 15, 2007.

E. A charter school shall not:

(1) Be supported by or affiliated with any religion or religious organization or institution; however, a charter school may receive from any such organization or institution support or student services including but not limited to mentoring, volunteering, fundraising, or tutoring.

(2) Result from the conversion of any private school or any home study program, as defined in R.S. 17:236.

(3) Charge any pupil any tuition or an attendance fee of any kind.

(4) Discriminate among potential employees, employees, or pupils in violation of any state or federal law.

(5)(a) Hire a person:

(i) As an administrator, teacher, substitute teacher, bus operator, substitute bus operator, janitor, or other school employee who might reasonably be expected to be placed in a position of supervisory or disciplinary authority over school children who has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to a crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C).

(ii) As an administrator, teacher, or substitute teacher if any of the following apply to the person:

(aa) Has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to a crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C) even if adjudication was withheld or a pardon or expungement was granted.

(bb) Has been found to have submitted fraudulent documentation to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or the state Department of Education as part of an application for a Louisiana teaching certificate or other teaching authorization.

(cc) Has been found to have facilitated cheating on any state assessment as determined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a charter school may hire a person as a teacher or substitute teacher who is otherwise prohibited from being hired if the state board approves a formal appeal request submitted by the person and issues a teaching certificate or authorization as provided in R.S. 17:8.7(B).

(b) The state board shall establish regulations, requirements, and procedures consistent with the provisions of R.S. 15:587.1 under which the school governing authority shall determine whether an applicant or employee has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to any criminal offense. Included in these regulations shall be the requirement and the procedure for the submission of a person's fingerprints in a form acceptable to the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information prior to employment of such person.

(6)(a) Require the parent or legal guardian of any student to disclose any medical information or special education needs, income, or economically disadvantaged status prior to the student's being enrolled in the charter school, unless otherwise specifically required by law.

(b) Nothing in this Paragraph shall prohibit a charter school from providing an enrollment preference to a student with special needs or who is economically disadvantaged when the student's parent or legal guardian has voluntarily provided the school with information regarding such needs.

F. Except for a Type 4 charter school, a local school board shall not assign any pupil or employee to a charter school or interfere in any way with the operation and management of a charter school except as provided by the approved charter, the provisions of this Chapter, or other law applicable to the charter school or its officers or employees.

G. Any pupil enrolled in a charter school who decides not to attend such charter school shall be permitted by the local school board to attend the public school that the pupil would otherwise attend if not enrolled at the charter school.

H. Any assets acquired by a Type 1, 2, 3, 3B, or 5 charter school are the property of that charter school for the duration of that school's charter agreement. Any assets acquired by a Type 4 charter school are the property of the local school board. If the charter agreement of any Type 1, 2, 3, 3B, or 5 charter school is revoked or the school otherwise ceases to operate, all assets purchased with any public funds become the property of the chartering authority. Charter schools are to maintain records of any assets acquired with any private funds which remain the property of the nonprofit group operating the charter school.

Acts 1997, No. 477, §1, eff. June 30, 1997; Acts 1999, No. 14, §1; Acts 1999, No. 757, §1, eff. July 2, 1999; Acts 1999, No. 1210, §1; Acts 1999, No. 1339, §1, eff. July 12, 1999; Acts 2001, No. 453, §1, eff. June 21, 2001; Acts 2001, No. 592, §1, eff. June 22, 2001; Acts 2003, No. 9, §1, eff. Nov. 6, 2003; Acts 2003, No. 381, §1; Acts 2008, No. 458, §1, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2009, No. 123, §1, eff. June 26, 2009; Acts 2010, No. 756, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2011, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 41, §1, eff. June 12, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 2, §§1, 2; Acts 2012, No. 811, §5, eff. July 1, 2012; Acts 2013, No. 330, §1; Acts 2015, No. 467, §1, eff. July 1, 2015; Acts 2016, No. 121, §1; Acts 2016, No. 303, §1, eff. June 2, 2016; Acts 2016, No. 497, §1, eff. June 14, 2016; Acts 2017, No. 136, §1; Acts 2017, No. 253, §1, eff. June 14, 2017; Acts 2017, No. 335, §1; Acts 2018, No. 307, §1; Acts 2018, No. 634, §1, eff. July 1, 2018; Acts 2018, No. 646, §1, eff. June 1, 2018; Acts 2019, No. 387, §1; Acts 2024, No. 334, §1, eff. May 28, 2024; Acts 2024, No. 659, §1.

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PART V. OPERATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

A. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all rules and regulations of the state board and those of any local school board that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following rules and regulations otherwise applicable to public schools regarding:

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- (1) Building maintenance.
- (2) Facility accessibility.
- (3) Asbestos detection and abatement.
- (4) The Sanitary Code.
- (5) Pesticide use and safety.
- (6) Fire safety.
- (7) Safe work environments.
- (8) The possession and safe use of weapons and hazardous materials.
- (9) Adolescent health initiatives and school health centers.
- (10) Hearing and vision screenings.
- (11) Immunizations and health records.
- (12) Communicable disease prevention.
- (13) Drug use prevention.
- (14) Eye safety and the use of protective goggles.
- (15) Missing children identification procedures.
- (16) *Repealed by Acts 2012, No. 2, §2.*
- (17) School and district accountability system.
- (18) School bus specifications and inspection requirements.
- (19) School bus operational procedures.
- (20) School bus operator and bus attendant pre-employment screening and training requirements.

B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

- (1) School entrance age, R.S. 17:222.
- (2) Corporal punishment, R.S. 17:416.1(B), and suspension of students, R.S. 17:223.
- (3) Expulsion of students, R.S. 17:224.
- (4) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (5) Attendance reporting, R.S. 17:232.
- (6) Admission of home study students, R.S. 17:236.2.
- (7) Unauthorized use of electronic communication devices, R.S. 17:239.
- (8) Smoking, R.S. 17:240.
- (9) Open meetings, R.S. 42:11 et seq.
- (10) Public records, R.S. 44:1 et seq.
- (11) Teaching regarding the United States Constitution, R.S. 17:261.
- (12) Teaching regarding the Federalist Papers and the Declaration of Independence, R.S. 17:268.

- (13) Administration of medication and exceptions thereto, R.S. 17:436.1.
- (14) Teaching regarding Civics and Free Enterprise, R.S. 17:274.1.
- (15) Teaching regarding sex, R.S. 17:281.
- (16) Religious liberty of students, R.S. 17:2115 et seq.
- (17) Pupil assessment, R.S. 17:24.4.
- (18) Any school and district accountability system required by law of a public school of similar grade or type.
- (19) Public bids for the erection, construction, alteration, improvement, or repair of a public facility or immovable property, Part II of Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
- (20) Code of Governmental Ethics, R.S. 42:1101 et seq., with the exception of R.S. 42:1119 as it applies to any person employed by a charter school prior to August 15, 2003.
- (21) Electronic communication by an employee at a school to a student enrolled at that school, R.S. 17:81(Q).
- (22) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (23) Inspection and operation of fire safety and prevention equipment, R.S. 17:81(S).
- (24) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (25) Reporting by a school bus operator employed by the governing authority of a public elementary or secondary school of his arrest for one or more of the specified offenses relative to operating a vehicle, R.S. 17:491.3.
- (26) School master plans for supporting student behavior and discipline, R.S. 17:252.
- (27) Data collection system, R.S. 17:3911.
- (28) Reporting by a school employee employed by the governing authority of a public elementary or secondary school of his arrest for one or more of the specified offenses relative to sexual morality affecting minors, R.S. 17:16, any of the crimes provided in R.S. 15:587.1, or any justified complaint of child abuse or neglect on file in the central registry pursuant to Article 615 of the Children's Code.
- (29) Seclusion and physical restraint of students with exceptionalities, R.S. 17:416.21.
- (30) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (31) Instruction on the Founding Principles of the United States of America in American history and civics courses, R.S. 17:265.
- (32) Procedures on bullying pursuant to R.S. 17:416.14.
- (33) School crisis management and response plans, R.S. 17:416.16.
- (34) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (35) Instruction and hotline number posting requirements relative to child assault awareness and prevention, R.S. 17:81(Y).
- (36) Deferred compensation plans, R.S. 17:81(Z).
- (37) School bus loading and unloading provisions, R.S. 17:158(J).
- (38) Student information, R.S. 17:3913 and 3914.
- (39) Notification of homework assistance services, R.S. 17:182.1.
- (40) Discipline of students, R.S. 17:416 and 416.2.
- (41) Deaf Child's Bill of Rights, R.S. 17:1960.

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- (42) Instruction in cursive writing, R.S. 17:266.
- (43) Louisiana Expectant and Parenting Students Act, R.S. 17:221.7.
- (44) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (45) Authorization to teach, R.S. 17:7(10).
- (46) Criminal history review, R.S. 17:15.
- (47) Immunization information, influenza, R.S. 17:170.5.
- (48) Behavioral health services for students, R.S. 17:173.
- (49) Administration of literacy screening and literacy screening reports, R.S. 17:182.
- (50) Instruction in personal financial management, R.S. 17:270.
- (51) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (52) Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools, R.S. 17:406.9.
- (53) Threats of violence or terrorism, R.S. 17:409.1 et seq.
- (54) Regulations for the construction, design, equipment, and operation of school buses, R.S. 17:164.
- (55) Student fees, R.S. 17:177.
- (56) School supplies, R.S. 17:178.
- (57) Youth suicide prevention programs, R.S. 17:282.4.
- (58) Special education advisory councils, R.S. 17:1944.1.
- (59) Quality early literacy initiative, R.S. 17:24.9.
- (60) Early literacy instruction, R.S. 17:24.10.
- (61) Early literacy professional development, R.S. 17:24.12.
- (62) Expanded academic support, R.S. 17:100.13.
- (63) Remote school registration and enrollment of children of military personnel transferring to the state, R.S. 17:101.
- (64) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (65) Cameras in special education classrooms, R.S. 17:1948.
- (66) Learning pods, R.S. 17:4036.1.
- (67) Students who are pregnant or parenting, R.S. 17:221.8.
- (68), (69) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (70) Posting and distribution of information relative to parental rights, R.S. 17:354.
- (71) Parental access to instructional materials, R.S. 17:355.
- (72) Screening and intervention, R.S. 17:392.1.
- (73) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (74) Voter registration, R.S. 17:2121.
- (75) Numeracy professional development, R.S. 17:24.13.
- (76) *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024.*
- (77) Elective course on the history and literature of the Bible, R.S. 17:282.
- (78) Dyslexia screening and reporting, R.S. 17:392.11.

(79) Carpool and bus line policies, R.S. 17:81(CC).

(80) Posting of public school governing authority fiscal information, R.S. 17:88.1.

(81) Flag and patriotic customs of the United States, R.S. 17:262.

NOTE: Paragraph (A)(82) eff. until Feb. 1, 2025. See Acts 2024, No. 641.

(82) Reports on programs related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, R.S. 17:2122.

NOTE: Paragraph (A)(82) as repealed by Acts 2024, No. 641, eff. Feb. 1, 2025.

(82) Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 641, §2, eff. Feb 1, 2025.

(83) Ten Commandments, displays, R.S. 17:2124.

(84) Computer Science; required instruction, R.S. 17:280.3.

(85) Sickle cell disease training for school nurses, R.S. 17:436.5.

(86) Uniform ten-point grading scale, R.S. 17:184.

(87) Names and pronouns, R.S. 17:2125.

(88) Requirements for participation in the LA GATOR Scholarship Program, R.S. 17:4037.1 et seq., if a charter school opts to participate in the program.

NOTE: Paragraph (B)(89) eff. upon ratification of the const. amend. proposed by Acts 2024, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 1.

(89) Compensation for teachers and other school employees so long as the charter school participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (R.S. 17:418.1).

C.(1) A charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall comply with state and federal laws and regulations otherwise applicable to public schools with respect to civil rights and individuals with disabilities.

(2) A charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall accordingly recruit, employ, and train teachers, administrators, and other employees without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Race, color, religion, sex, and national origin shall not constitute bona fide occupational qualifications. Proficiency in a foreign language may constitute a bona fide occupational qualification for a teacher who spends more than half of his daily instruction time providing instruction in or teaching in a foreign language.

D. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement entered into by the local school board in whose jurisdiction the charter school is located shall apply to a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees, except as otherwise provided for in the approved charter.

E. To graduate from a charter high school, pupils shall be able to demonstrate competency in the content of every course required for high school graduation. The state board shall provide by rule relative to a determination that such competencies have been acquired. In addition, any examination required by the state board or by law as a requirement for graduation from public high schools shall apply to pupils at charter high schools. Charter schools choosing to have their students demonstrate course competencies in a manner different from the traditional Carnegie unit approach where students take specific courses shall describe in their charter proposal how the school plans to work with the public higher education management boards regarding the acceptance by public institutions of higher education of such competencies.

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall be subject to appropriate financial audits in accordance with R.S. 24:513 et seq.

G. All charter schools established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall comply with the provisions of R.S. 39:1301 through 1315. Each Type 1, 3, 3B, and 4 charter school annually shall submit its budget to the local school board that approved its charter, and such board shall submit the charter school's budget to the state superintendent of education in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:88. Each Type 2 and Type 5 charter school annually shall submit its budget directly to the state superintendent of education.

H. In addition to the requirements of Subsection G of this Section, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt rules and regulations for prescribing forms and practices for budgeting, accounting, and financial reporting, both interim and annual, for Type 2 and Type 5 charter schools.

Acts 1997, No. 477, §1, eff. June 30, 1997; Acts 1999, No. 757, §1, eff. July 2, 1999; Acts 1999, No. 821, §1, eff. July 2, 1999; Acts 2001, No. 991, §1, eff. June 27, 2001; Acts 2003, No. 9, §1, eff. Nov. 6, 2003; Acts 2003, No. 381, §1; Acts 2009, No. 214, §1, eff. July 1, 2009; Acts 2009, No. 284, §1, eff. July 1, 2009; Acts 2009, No. 413, §1, eff. July 1, 2009; Acts 2010, No. 321, §1, eff. July 1, 2010; Acts 2010, No. 327, §§1, 2; Acts 2010, No. 533, §1, eff. June 24, 2010; Acts 2010, No. 756, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2011, No. 267, §1, eff. June 28, 2011; Acts 2011, No. 328, §1, eff. June 29, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 2, §§1, 2; Acts 2012, No. 384, §1; Acts 2012, No. 393, §2; Acts 2012, No. 861, §1, eff. June 14, 2012; Acts 2013, No. 50, §1; Acts 2013, No. 330, §1; Acts 2014, No. 443, §1; Acts 2014, No. 517, §1; Acts 2014, No. 525, §1; Acts 2014, No. 547, §1, eff. June 9, 2014; Acts 2014, No. 654, §1; Acts 2014, No. 837, §1; Acts 2015, No. 228, §1, eff. June 23, 2015; Acts 2015, No. 239, §1, eff. June 29, 2015; Acts 2015, No. 248, §1, eff. June 29, 2015; Acts 2015, No. 250, §1; Acts 2016, No. 80, §2; Acts 2016, No. 234, §1; Acts 2016, No. 482, §1, eff. July 1, 2017; Acts 2016, No. 497, §1, eff. June 14, 2016; Acts 2016, No. 523, §1; Acts 2017, No. 72, §1, Acts 2017, No. 86, §1; Acts 2017, No. 266, §1; Acts 2017, No. 341, §1; Acts 2018, No. 154, §1; Acts 2018, No. 262, §1; Acts 2018, No. 300, §1; Acts 2018, No. 547, §1; Acts 2018, No. 634, §1, eff. July 1, 2018; Acts 2018, No. 688, §1; Acts 2018, No. 696, §1; Acts 2018, No. 716, §1; Acts 2019, No. 93, §1; Acts 2019, No. 240, §1; Acts 2019, No. 274, §1, eff. June 11, 2019; Acts 2019, No. 377, §1; Acts 2021, No. 108, §1, eff. June 4, 2021; Acts 2021, No. 208, §1, eff. June 11, 2021; Acts 2021, No. 294, §1; Acts 2021, No. 353, §1, eff. June 17, 2021; Acts 2021, No. 400, §1, eff. June 16, 2021; Acts 2021, No. 438, §1; Acts 2021, No. 456, §1, eff. June 23, 2021; Acts 2021, No. 473, §1; Acts 2022, No. 385, §1; Acts 2022, No. 466, §1; Acts 2022, No. 472, §2; Acts 2022, No. 622, §1; Acts 2022, No. 624, §1; Acts 2022, No. 650, §1; Acts 2022, No. 697, §1, eff. June 18, 2022; Acts 2022, No. 722, §3; Acts 2023, No. 180, §3; Acts 2023, No. 215, §2; Acts 2023, No. 260, §1, eff. June 12, 2023; Acts 2023, No. 264, §1; Acts 2023, No. 266, §1; Acts 2023, No. 362, §1; Acts 2023, No. 370, §2; Acts 2024, No. 1, §1, eff. July 1, 2024; Acts 2024, No. 211, §2; Acts 2024, No. 375, §1; Acts 2024, No. 428, §1; Acts 2024, No. 641, §1, eff. June 11, 2024 & §2, eff. Feb. 1, 2025; Acts 2024, No. 676, §1, eff. June 19, 2024; Acts 2024, No. 680, §3; Acts 2024, No. 686, §2, eff. June 19, 2024; Acts 2024, No. 748, §1; Acts 2024, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 8, §1, See Act.

TITLE 18. LOUISIANA ELECTION CODE

CHAPTER 2. STATE ADMINISTRATION

PART IV. LOUISIANA ELECTIONS INTEGRITY

§41. Louisiana Elections Integrity; administration of Part

A. The Board of Ethics, hereafter in this Part referred to as the "board", shall administer the provisions of this Part.

B. Board members shall be paid the same per diem as members of the legislature for each day of attendance at board meetings and shall be reimbursed actual expenses incurred in attending board meetings and in conducting board business.

C. The board shall hold such meetings as are necessary to effectuate its purposes and shall meet upon call of the chairman or upon the request of any three members.

Acts 1989, No. 45, §1; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., §11, eff. Jan. 1, 1997.

§42. Rule making power

The board shall have power to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Part.

Acts 1989, No. 45, §1.

§43. Investigations and hearings; certain elections

A. The board may investigate any aspect of any election, except as provided in R.S. 18:45. The board may initiate such an investigation upon the receipt of a sworn statement by any registered voter of this state alleging error, fraud, irregularity, or other unlawful activity in the conduct of an election.

B. The board may convene in any location in the state for the purpose of conducting hearings and receiving testimony concerning any irregularity, error, or apparent violation of law in any election. It may convene upon the receipt by the board of a sworn statement by any registered voter of this state alleging error, fraud, irregularity, or other unlawful activity in the conduct of an election.

C. The board shall have the power and authority to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, compel the production of books, documents, records, and papers, public and private, and to do all other things necessary in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

D. Failure to comply with any order of the board, issued in accordance with or under authority hereof, refusal to testify, or any act of disrespect or of disorderly or contemptuous behavior before the board shall constitute contempt of the board, and the board shall have the power and authority to institute proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction for the punishment thereof as provided by the constitution and laws. False swearing or perjury before the board shall in like manner be punished in accordance with the laws of the state.

E. All proceedings in connection with any investigation by the board shall be conducted in closed session, and for that purpose, such proceedings shall be exempt from the provisions of the Public Meetings Law. All records pertaining to such proceedings shall be exempt from the provisions of the Public Records Law. They shall remain confidential and not be open for public inspection unless and until they are entered into the record of any court, except as specifically provided in R.S. 18:44(C). However, the records and findings of the board pertaining to any such proceedings shall be made available to the attorney general, to any district attorney having jurisdiction of the matter contained in such records or findings upon formal written request, or in response to the order of any court having jurisdiction of the matter contained in such records or findings. Any person appearing before the board shall be entitled to the right to counsel.

Acts 1989, No. 45, §1.

§44. Contesting election; referral for prosecution

NOTE: Subsection A eff. until Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. until Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640.

A. Whenever the board determines as a result of an investigation that violations of law, irregularities, error, or fraud have occurred in the conduct of an election which in the judgment of the board has resulted in the apparent qualification for the general election or the apparent election of a candidate not entitled to be so qualified or elected, the board, upon the favorable vote of three members, may institute suit to contest the election in order to protect the interest and rights of the state in fair and honest elections. In addition, for the same cause and upon the same vote, the board may intervene in any suit instituted by any other party to contest an election.

NOTE: Subsection A eff. Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640.

A. Whenever the board determines as a result of an investigation that violations of law, irregularities, error, or fraud have occurred in the conduct of an election which, in the judgment of the board, has resulted in the apparent qualification for the second party primary or the general election or the apparent election of a candidate not entitled to be so qualified or elected, the board, upon the favorable vote of three members, may institute suit to contest the election in order to protect the interest and rights of the state in fair and honest elections. In addition, for the same cause and upon the same vote, the board may intervene in any suit instituted by any other party to contest an election.

B. In any suit instituted by the board to contest an election, the provisions of Chapter 9 of this Title shall apply, except that:

(1) An action instituted by the board to contest an election shall be brought in the district court for the parish where the state capitol is situated.

(2) In any such suit, each candidate for said office and the secretary of state shall be impleaded and shall be a party to the suit. The board shall be a party to the suit, and the board may implead as parties other persons whose interest in the subject matter, by reason of their ministerial duties or otherwise, would be directly or indirectly affected to the extent that their joinder would be necessary for a complete adjudication of the controversy.

(3) In any such suit, the petition shall be styled:

"In re the Election for (office)"

(4) The petition shall cite:

(a) Each candidate for said office; and

(b) The secretary of state in his official capacity as the chief election officer of the state.

(5) The petition shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(a) The grounds on which the election is contested;

NOTE: Subparagraph (B)(5)(b) eff. until Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. until Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640.

(b) The allegation that except for substantial irregularities or error, fraud, or other unlawful activities in the conduct of the election, a different candidate would have qualified for a general election or would have been elected.

NOTE: Subparagraph (B)(5)(b) eff. Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640.

(b) The allegation that except for substantial irregularities or error, fraud, or other unlawful activities in the conduct of the election, a different candidate would have qualified for the second party primary or a general election or would have been elected.

(6) The petition shall comply with Article 891 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, except to the extent that the provisions of that Article or the Articles cited therein conflict with the provisions of this Section.

(7) Service of process shall be on the secretary of state, or the commissioner of elections as provided herein, and shall otherwise comply substantially with the provisions of R.S. 18:1408. By filing notice of candidacy a state candidate appoints the secretary of state, or the commissioner of elections as provided herein, as his agent for service of process in any action instituted by the board under provisions of this Section. If the secretary of state is a named candidate in the petition, then the commissioner of elections shall be the agent for service of process for all candidates, and in such case, additionally, a copy of the citation and petition shall be served on the secretary of state in his official capacity as chief election officer of the state.

(8) There shall be no named party defendant; provided however, that for purposes of the provisions of Chapter 9 of Title 18 which are applicable to suits instituted under this Section, the word "party" in this Section shall mean "defendant" in the provisions of said Chapter 9.

(9) Each party in a suit instituted under this Section is considered as being both a plaintiff and a defendant with respect to all other parties. A party is not required to answer the petition, but if he answers, he shall do so prior to trial. No exceptions or responsive pleadings may be filed to the answer of a party, and every fact alleged therein is considered as denied or avoided by effect of law as to all other parties. If a party does not appear on the date set for the trial, either in person or through counsel, such failure to appear precludes him from thereafter filing an answer, and from asserting his claims or defenses in the suit and the court shall not appoint an attorney to represent him pursuant to R.S. 18:1409(A).

(10) Each party may appear and assert his claim or defense as he sees fit.

(11) The court may grant the board injunctive relief prohibiting the parties from instituting or prosecuting in any court of this state or of the United States any other action or proceeding on the matters involved in the suit.

(12) The court may render judgment for costs, or any part thereof, against any party, as it may consider equitable.

C. Whenever the board determines as a result of an investigation or otherwise that a violation of the Election Code has occurred which is subject to criminal penalties, the board shall present all information concerning such alleged violation to the district attorney for the judicial district in which the alleged violation occurred. The district attorney may immediately proceed with such criminal actions or investigations as are justified by the facts presented or available to him. The information presented by the board to the district attorney shall be presented to the attorney general and the governor who shall

keep such information strictly confidential, except that the attorney general may proceed with any action permissible within the provisions of Article IV, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974.

Acts 1989, No. 45, §1; Acts 2001, No. 451, §1, eff. Jan. 12, 2004; Acts 2006, No. 560, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2010, No. 570, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2024, No. 640, §1; eff. See Act.

§45. Limitations on powers and duties of board

A. The provisions of R.S. 18:43 and 44 shall be applicable only to elections for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of insurance, United States senator, United States congressman, public service commissioner, member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and justice of the supreme court.

B. The powers, duties, functions, and authority of the board as provided in this Part shall in no way apply or extend to any provisions of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act contained in Chapter 11 of the Election Code and the board shall have no authority under the provisions of this Part to make any

investigation or exercise any other power, duty, function, or authority in relation to the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 18.

Acts 1989, No. 45, §1; Acts 2001, No. 451, §1, eff. Jan. 12, 2004.

§46. Annual reports

The board may report to the legislature any findings, observations, or recommendations concerning elections in this state which it determines, in the course of its investigations or otherwise, should be brought to the attention of the legislature. Such reports may be made annually prior to the annual regular session of the legislature, or at such other times as the board may deem appropriate.

Acts 1989, No. 45, §1.

§47. Staff; assistance to board

A. The board may employ an executive director. The executive director shall serve as secretary to the board. The board may employ such other staff as it deems necessary or appropriate. It may employ staff on a full-time or part-time basis and may procure temporary or intermittent services as it deems necessary. The board may employ attorneys and it may procure the services of attorneys on a temporary or part-time basis as it deems necessary.

B. Every officer, department, board, or commission of the state or of any of its political subdivisions shall provide assistance, including use of facilities and investigatory personnel, upon the request of the board.

Acts 1989, No. 45, §1.

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CHAPTER 4. REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

PART III. RECORDS BY REGISTRARS

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§154. Records open to inspection; copying; exceptions

A. The records of each registrar are public records and at all times during office hours shall be open to inspection, except the early voting confirmation sheets of voters.

B.(1)(a) If twenty-five or more qualified voters of a parish make a request in writing, the registrar shall permit the copying of any part of his records, except the early voting confirmation sheets.

(b) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the registrar shall permit copying of the following:

(i) A list prepared pursuant to R.S. 18:1311(A) upon the written request of a single person of the age of majority.

(ii) Any part of the registrar's records related to the election of a candidate for an office, except the early voting confirmation sheets, upon the written request made by a candidate in the election for that office received within the time period provided for in R.S. 18:1405(B) or (H).

(iii) A voter registration application upon the request of the applicant pursuant to R.S. 18:104.

(2) The registrar shall allow copying to be done by hand or otherwise, if so requested, unless such reproduction seriously interferes with the registration of voters or otherwise seriously interferes with the performance of the duties imposed on his office by law. In such instances, the registrar shall cause his employees to make copies of the requested records or print the information electronically, if the electronic copy contains the same information, and deliver them or request the secretary of state to reproduce such

records, which may then be forwarded to the registrar for delivery. Copying by the registrar or his employees or the secretary of state or printing an electronic copy shall be done in the presence of the requesting person or a representative of the requesting voters, if the person or voters so request.

(3) The registrar shall endorse each written request made pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection with the day and hour of receipt and shall provide a copy of the endorsed written request to the person submitting the request.

C.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the registrar, the clerk of court, the Department of State, the office of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and any entity that contracts with the office, each voter registration agency and any entity that contracts with a voter registration agency, and any person who handles the voter registration application form of another person shall be prohibited from circulating on a commercial list or otherwise disclosing the following:

- (a) The fact that a registered voter is entitled to assistance in voting.
- (b) The social security number of a registered voter.
- (c) The driver's license number of a registered voter.
- (d) The day and month of the date of birth of a registered voter.
- (e) The mother's maiden name of a registered voter.
- (f) The electronic mail address of a registered voter, except a registered voter who has qualified as a candidate for public office.
- (g) The short message service number of a registered voter.
- (h) The voter registration application and any information contained on the voter registration application of any person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age.
- (i) The active duty status or dependent status of a voter who requested an absentee ballot pursuant to the provisions of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq., or the physical mailing address where such a ballot is mailed.

(2)(a) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to voter registration data transmitted to the office of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, for the purposes of verifying the accuracy and authenticity of the social security number, driver's license number, or full date of birth provided by the voter. The office of motor vehicles shall not disclose information concerning a registered voter transmitted pursuant to this Subparagraph, except that it may transmit such information to the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of verifying the accuracy and authenticity of the social security number provided by the voter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the Department of State or registrar of voters may transmit the full date of birth and last four digits of the social security number, if available, of a registered voter to the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to verify the identity of a candidate for purposes of campaign finance reporting. The supervisory committee shall not disclose information transmitted to it pursuant to this Subparagraph.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the Department of State or registrar of voters shall transmit the email address, if available, of a candidate to the Board of Ethics for purposes of contacting the person regarding matters relating to laws within the jurisdiction of the board. The Board of Ethics shall not disclose information transmitted to it pursuant to this Subparagraph.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the Department of State may provide to a clerk of court the full date of birth of a registered voter for the preparation of a general venire selection in accordance with R.S. 18:175. The clerk of court shall not disclose the full date of birth of a registered voter provided pursuant to this Subparagraph.

(e) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to voter registration information or data transmitted to a state or the Electronic Registration Information Center for purposes of determining whether a voter is registered to vote in more than one state and for the maintenance of the state voter registration computer system.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the Department of State or registrar of voters may transmit a registered voter's full date of birth and mother's maiden name to the Louisiana Department of Health to amend the voter's birth certificate. The Louisiana Department of Health shall not disclose information transmitted to it pursuant to this Subparagraph.

D.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, the registrar, the clerk of court, and the Department of State shall not disclose the name and address of a law enforcement officer if the registrar has received certification from the law enforcement agency employing the officer that the officer is engaging in hazardous activities to the extent that it is necessary for his name and address to be kept confidential. The registrar shall indicate such certification in the state voter registration computer system upon receipt of the certification.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the registrar of voters, the clerk of court, and the Department of State may disclose the name and address of a law enforcement officer who has qualified as a candidate for office between the date of qualifying of the candidate and the general election.

(3) Any agency employing a law enforcement officer availing himself of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall also issue a decertification notice to the registrar of voters when the officer is no longer engaging in hazardous activities to the extent that it is necessary for his name and address to be kept confidential.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section or any other law to the contrary, the registrar of voters shall allow inspection of voter registration applications or copies thereof. However, information relating to a particular individual's declination to register to vote or information relating to the specific public assistance agency or motor vehicle office through which a particular individual registered to vote shall be confidential and shall not be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

F. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the registrar, the clerk of court, and the Department of State shall be prohibited from disclosing the following:

(1) Any information of a type exempted from disclosure pursuant to any other Subsection of this Section received from another state pursuant to a cooperative agreement authorized by R.S. 18:18(D).

(2) Any geographical coding of addresses of registered voters.

(3) An application to vote absentee by mail, information contained therein, or the status of a voted ballot until the applicant has returned his voted ballot to the registrar and the registrar has accepted the voted ballot.

(4) Computer system or program information, including software, related menus, flow charts, network diagrams, usernames, nonpublic uniform resource locators, database object names, computer names, device identifiers and serial numbers, screen printouts and captures, internet protocol address numbers, passwords, source materials, prompts, dialogues, operating and instructional manuals, programming materials or instructions, and any other computer operating or support materials concerning the state voter registration computer system and election management system or voting equipment.

(5) Any information contained within the state voter registration computer system and election management system which if disclosed may impair the security of the statewide voter registration system and election management system or the integrity of the information maintained on the systems or voting equipment.

(6) Internet protocol address numbers submitted to or captured by the state voter registration computer system and election management system.

(7) The name and physical address of a program participant in the Department of State Address Confidentiality Program, as provided in R.S. 44:51 et seq.

(8) Votes that are void because of the death of a candidate pursuant to R.S. 18:469, withdrawal of a candidate pursuant to R.S. 18:502, resignation of a public officer subject to a recall election pursuant to R.S. 18:1300.7, or disqualification of a candidate pursuant to R.S. 18:1410.

G. *Repealed by Acts 2024, No. 390, §3.*

H. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the registrar, the clerk of court, and the Department of State shall not disclose in a list of commissioners the address or telephone number of an early voting commissioner, commissioner-in-charge, commissioner, or alternate commissioner who is certified to serve in an election.

I, J. *Repealed by Acts 2023, No. 91, §2, eff. June 6, 2023.*

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1979, No. 229, §1, eff. July 13, 1979; Acts 1988, No. 909, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; Acts 1991, No. 505, §1; Acts 1991, No. 810, §1; Acts 1993, No. 418, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 1994, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 10, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, No. 43, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1420, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; Acts 2001, No. 451, §6, eff. Jan. 12, 2004; Acts 2003, No. 1220, §2, eff. July 3, 2003; Acts 2006, No. 613, §2; Acts 2007, No. 240, §1; Acts 2008, No. 136, §1, eff. June 6, 2008; Acts 2008, No. 520, §1, eff. June 30, 2008; Acts 2010, No. 624, §1, eff. June 25, 2010; Acts 2012, No. 138, §1, eff. May 14, 2012; Acts 2013, No. 383, §1, eff. June 18, 2013; Acts 2013, No. 395, §1, eff. June 18, 2013; Acts 2014, No. 59, §1, eff. May 16, 2014; Acts 2014, No. 60, §1, eff. May 16, 2014; Acts 2015, No. 307, §1, eff. June 29, 2015, and §2, eff. Jan. 15, 2016; Acts 2018, No. 325, §1; Acts 2018, No. 425, §1; Acts 2018, No. 712, §1, eff. June 2, 2018; Acts 2020, No. 28, §1, eff. June 4, 2020; Acts 2020, No. 136, §1, eff. June 9, 2020; Acts 2020, No. 169, §1, eff. June 11, 2020; Acts 2021, No. 381, §1, eff. June 17, 2021; Acts 2022, No. 274, §1, eff. June 3, 2022; Acts 2022, No. 419, §1; Acts 2023, No. 91, §§1,2, eff. June 6, 2023; Acts 2023, No. 225, §1; Acts 2024, No. 390, §§1, 3.

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CHAPTER 5. PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

PART II. ELECTION OFFICIALS

SUBPART B. INSTRUCTION AND SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND WATCHERS

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§435. Watchers; appointment and commission

A.(1)(a) Each candidate is entitled to have one watcher at every precinct on election day where the office he seeks is voted on in a primary or general election. The candidate or his authorized representative shall file one list of watchers on a form provided by the secretary of state or on a form which contains the same information as required by the form provided by the secretary of state. When a candidate's list of watchers is filed by the candidate's authorized representative, a letter of authorization from the candidate shall accompany the list of watchers; however, the list of watchers shall be signed by the candidate.

(b) In the case of a presidential election, each slate of candidates for presidential elector is entitled to have one watcher at every precinct. The state central committee of each recognized political party shall be responsible for filing the list of watchers for its slate of candidates for presidential elector, and the list of watchers shall be signed by the chairman of the state central committee. The list of watchers for a slate of candidates for presidential elector who are not affiliated with a recognized political party shall be signed and filed by any person so authorized by the presidential candidate supported by the slate of electors. A letter of authorization from the presidential candidate, or from an authorized agent of his campaign, shall accompany the list of watchers.

(2) In addition to the watchers provided for in Paragraph (1), each candidate may designate one watcher as a "super watcher" who shall have the qualifications, powers, and duties of watchers provided for by R.S. 18:427 and who shall be admitted as a watcher in every precinct in the designated parish where the office the candidate seeks is on the ballot in the primary and general election. The selection of the super watcher shall be made in the same manner as for watchers set forth in this Section.

(3) Any person who is supporting or opposing a proposition or question to be submitted to the voters or supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer and who has filed a report required by R.S. 18:1486 for such election is entitled to have one watcher at every precinct where the issue he seeks to influence is voted on in an election. For the purposes of this Subsection, "person" means any individual, partnership, association, labor union, political committee, corporation, or other legal entity, including its subsidiaries.

(4)(a) The parish executive committee of a recognized political party having at least twenty-five percent of the registered voters in the state registered as being affiliated with the political party is entitled to have political party super watchers in the parish if a candidate affiliated with the political party is on the ballot. The designation of political party super watchers shall be made in accordance with this Section and as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

(b)(i) In a parish with fewer than fifty thousand registered voters, the parish executive committee of the recognized political party may designate one political party super watcher.

(ii) In a parish with fifty thousand or more but fewer than one hundred thousand registered voters, the parish executive committee of the recognized political party may designate two political party super watchers.

(iii) In a parish with one hundred thousand or more but fewer than one hundred fifty thousand registered voters, the parish executive committee of the recognized political party may designate three political party super watchers.

(iv) In a parish with one hundred fifty thousand or more but fewer than two hundred thousand registered voters, the parish executive committee of the recognized political party may designate four political party super watchers.

(v) In a parish with two hundred thousand or more registered voters, the parish executive committee of the recognized political party may designate five political party super watchers.

(c) Each political party super watcher shall have the qualifications, powers, and duties of watchers provided for by R.S. 18:427 and shall be admitted as a watcher in every precinct in the designated parish where a candidate affiliated with his political party is on the ballot, except that not more than one political party super watcher may serve at a single precinct at the same time.

(d) The chairman of the parish executive committee of the political party shall sign and be responsible for filing the list of political party super watchers.

(e) The chairman of the state central committee of a recognized political party may designate super watchers for the parish, in accordance with this Section, in any parish without a parish executive committee of the recognized political party.

(5) The commissioners shall regulate the number of watchers inside the polling place as provided in R.S. 18:427.

B.(1)(a) A list of watchers shall be filed with the clerk of court by hand delivery, facsimile, mail, or commercial courier before 4:30 p.m. on the tenth business day before the primary or general election; however, if the tenth business day before the primary or general election falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday, the list shall be filed on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday. For purposes of this Paragraph, "commercial courier" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 13:3204(D). If the office that the candidate seeks is voted on in more than one parish, a list of watchers shall be filed with the clerk of court in each parish where the candidate will have watchers.

(b) A list of watchers submitted by a candidate for the primary election may be used for the general election only if the candidate notifies the clerk of court in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the tenth business day before the general election that he wants to use the same list of watchers.

(c) A list of political party super watchers submitted by a party for the primary election may be used for the general election only if the chairman of the parish executive committee or the state central committee of the party notifies the clerk of court in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the tenth business day before the general election that the chairman wants to use the same list of political party super watchers.

(2) Except for a candidate, parish executive committee or state central committee of a recognized political party filing a list of political party super watchers, or recognized political party filing for a slate of candidates for presidential elector, any person filing a list of watchers shall attach a certified statement that the report required by R.S. 18:1486 has been filed with the supervisory committee in compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

(3) A list of watchers shall contain only one watcher and one alternate watcher for each precinct where the candidate or person submitting the list is entitled to have a watcher. The list shall be typed or legibly written, and it shall contain the name and mailing address of each watcher and alternate watcher, and a designation of the precinct where he is to serve.

C. The parish board of election supervisors shall promptly issue a commission to each watcher named on a timely filed list of watchers. A person shall not be commissioned as a watcher if he has been appointed as a commissioner-in-charge or selected as a commissioner in the same election. A person selected as an alternate commissioner may be commissioned as a watcher. However, if the alternate commissioner must replace an absent or unqualified commissioner, he shall not serve as a watcher in the same election and his commission as a watcher shall be deemed void. Prior to the opening of the polls on election day, the parish board of election supervisors shall deliver to each precinct a list of the watchers and alternate watchers who are entitled to serve at the election. The list shall specify the precinct or precincts for which each watcher is eligible to serve. A watcher must present his commission to the commissioner-in-charge of the precinct for which he is eligible to serve prior to serving at the polling place.

D. A candidate, or person as defined in Subsection A of this Section, shall be entitled to have both a watcher and an alternate watcher serve at the same precinct on election day. However, the watcher and alternate watcher may not serve at the same time.

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1977, No. 471, §1; Acts 1978, No. 292, §1, eff. July 6, 1978; Acts 1985, No. 58, §1; Acts 1987, No. 831, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1988; Acts 1989, No. 179, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1990; Acts 1990, No. 107, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1991; Acts 1991, No. 201, §1, eff. July 2, 1991; Acts 1993, No. 317, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 1999, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2000; Acts 2001, No. 1181, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2002; Acts 2003, No. 1220, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2004; Acts 2004, No. 526, §2, eff. June 25, 2004; Acts 2006, No. 560, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 240, §1; Acts 2010, No. 570, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2010, No. 759, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 138, §1, eff. May 14, 2012; Acts 2014, No. 60, §1, eff. May 16, 2014; Acts 2015, No. 307, §1, eff. June 29, 2015; Acts 2019, No. 374, §1, eff. June 19, 2019; Acts 2020, No. 28, §1, eff. June 4, 2020; Acts 2021, No. 381, §3, eff. Feb. 1, 2022; Acts 2022, No. 274, §1, eff. June 3, 2022; Acts 2024, No. 583, §1.

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PART III. POLITICAL PARTIES

§441. Recognition

A. A political party shall be recognized in this state pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B or C of this Section.

B.(1) A political party shall be recognized if ninety days prior to the opening of the qualifying period for any election at least one thousand registered voters in the state are registered as being affiliated with such political party; such political party has filed a notarized registration statement as described in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection with the secretary of state; and the political party has paid a registration fee of one thousand dollars to the secretary of state upon filing the registration statement. The political party designation of a candidate shall not be listed on the ballot unless the political party was recognized prior to the close of qualifying for the office the candidate is seeking.

(2) The registration statement filed with the secretary of state by a political party shall be sworn to by an officer of the party, notarized, and shall include the following information:

(a) The name of the political party.

(b) The mailing address of the party within the state of Louisiana.

(c) If the party is affiliated with a national political party, the name of the national party and the address of its national headquarters.

(d) The names, addresses, and official titles of the party's state officers in Louisiana.

(e) A copy of the party's emblem, if any.

(f) Copies of the state party's charter or constitution, its governing bylaws, rules, and regulations.

(3) No registration statement of a political party shall be accepted by the secretary of state, if the secretary of state finds any of the following defects:

(a) The name of the party is identical to or deceptively similar to the name of any other existing political party.

(b) The name of the party is deliberately misleading or fraudulent in any respect.

(c) An emblem submitted by the party is deceptively similar to an emblem or trademark of any other existing political party.

(4) *Repealed by Acts 2014, No. 152, §1, and Acts 2014, No. 594, §1. eff. Jan. 1, 2015.*

(5) Any person aggrieved by the filing of a registration statement pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this Subsection alleged to be false, fraudulent, deceptive, substantially misleading, or otherwise prohibited by Paragraph (3) of this Subsection may, within two years of such filing, object to the filing in writing to the secretary of state. The secretary of state, upon determination that the registration statement is defective, shall declare such registration statement null and void, and such political party shall no longer be considered as recognized.

(6) A political party that has been recognized pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall cease to be a recognized political party if no registered member of the party qualifies as a candidate in a primary election for any period of four consecutive years.

(7) The secretary of state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this Section. Any act or omission of the secretary of state in the implementation of the provisions of this Subsection shall be reviewable upon filing a petition for judicial review in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court.

NOTE: *Paragraph (C)(1) eff. until Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. until Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640. See Acts 2024, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1.*

C.(1) A political party shall be recognized if any one candidate of the political party for presidential elector received at least five percent of the votes cast in this state for presidential electors in the last

presidential election, or if any one candidate of the political party for any statewide office received at least five percent of the votes cast for the statewide office in any primary or general election.

NOTE: Paragraph (C)(1) as amended by Acts 2024, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, eff. Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640.

C.(1)(a) A political party shall be recognized if any one candidate of the political party for presidential elector received at least five percent of the votes cast in this state for presidential electors in the last presidential election, or if any one candidate of the political party for any statewide office received at least five percent of the votes cast for the statewide office in any primary or general election.

(b) Only political parties that are recognized in accordance with Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be entitled to participate in party primary elections held in accordance with this Code.

(2) A political party that has received recognition pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall no longer be recognized if, within any period of four consecutive years, the party no longer complies with the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

D.(1) A political party that has received recognition pursuant to Subsection B of this Section shall not be entitled to representation on a parish board of election supervisors, nor shall such party be subject to the provisions of R.S. 18:443 through 446, unless at least five percent of the registered voters in the state are registered as being affiliated with such political party. A political party that has been recognized pursuant to Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section shall not be entitled to representation on a parish board of election supervisors nor be subject to the provisions of R.S. 18:443 through 446 unless such candidate as provided for in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section received at least ten percent of the votes cast for such office in the most recent election in which a candidate for such party received the number of votes as specified in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section.

(2) Any political party recognized pursuant to Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section shall not be considered to be a recognized political party pursuant to R.S. 18:1505.2(H).

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 2004, No. 889, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2006, No. 403, §1, eff. June 15, 2006; Acts 2014, No. 152, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2015; Acts 2014, No. 594, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2015; Acts 2024, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, §1, eff. See Act; Acts 2024, No. 640, §2, eff. See Act.

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PART IV. CANDIDATES

SUBPART B. QUALIFYING FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION

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§461.1. Ethics education requirement; certification for ethics education

A. Any person who becomes a candidate for statewide elective office or the office of state representative or state senator shall be required to obtain at least one hour of ethics education and training in the same manner as required of public servants by R.S. 42:1170.

B. Each person who has qualified for a statewide elective office or the office of state representative or state senator shall certify that he has obtained at least one hour of ethics education and training as required by this Section by executing the certification designed pursuant to Subsection C of this Section. The certification shall be filed with the Board of Ethics no later than three business days after the close of the qualifying period for such office.

C. The certification required by this Section shall be designed by the Board of Ethics and shall at a minimum include the assertion that all of the statements contained in it are true and correct.

D. The certification form and a notice to the candidate regarding the requirements and the availability of education and training shall be included in the informational packets provided for in R.S. 18:463(D).

Acts 2012, No. 707, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2013.

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§463. Notice of candidacy; campaign finance disclosure; political advertising; penalties

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(2)(a) The notice of candidacy also shall include a certificate, signed by the candidate, certifying all of the following:

(i) That he has read the notice of his candidacy.

(ii) That he meets the qualifications of the office for which he is qualifying.

(iii) Except for a candidate for United States senator or representative in congress, that he is not currently under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony and that he is not prohibited from qualifying as a candidate for conviction of a felony pursuant to Article I, Section 10.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(iv) Except for a candidate for United States senator or representative in congress, that for each of the previous five tax years, he has filed his federal and state income tax returns, has filed for an extension of time for filing either his federal or state income tax return or both, or was not required to file either a federal or state income tax return or both.

(v) That he acknowledges that he is subject to the provisions of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act if he is a candidate for any office other than United States senator, representative in congress, or member of a committee of a political party and that he does not owe any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

(vi) That, if he is a major or district office candidate as defined in R.S. 18:1483, he has filed each report he has been required to file by the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, if any were previously due.

(vii) That he does not owe any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics.

(viii) Except for a candidate for United States senator or representative in congress or a candidate who resides in a nursing home as defined in R.S. 40:2009.2 or in a veterans' home operated by the state or federal government, that if he claims a homestead exemption on a residence pursuant to Article VII, Section 20 of the Constitution of Louisiana, he is registered and votes in the precinct in which that residence is located.

(ix) That all of the statements contained in it are true and correct.

(b) The certificate shall be executed before a notary public or shall be witnessed by two persons. If the candidate is serving outside the state with the armed forces of the United States, his notice of candidacy shall be witnessed by a commissioned officer in the armed forces of the United States.

(c) For the purposes of this Paragraph:

(i) "Outstanding fine, fee, or penalty pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act" shall mean a fine, fee, or penalty equal to an amount of two hundred fifty dollars or more assessed by order of the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure or its staff or by final decision of an adjudicatory panel of the Ethics Adjudicatory Board pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act for which all requests for waiver or appeals have been exhausted or a judgment of a district court assessing civil penalties pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act for which all appeals have been exhausted.

(ii) "Outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics" shall mean a fine, fee, or penalty equal to an amount of two hundred fifty dollars or more imposed by the Board of Ethics or by final decision of an adjudicatory panel of the Ethics Adjudicatory Board pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics for which all appeals have been exhausted.

(iii) "Outstanding fine, fee, or penalty" shall not mean any fine, fee, or penalty that has been paid in full as of the time of the filing of the notice of candidacy.

(3) The notice of candidacy also shall include a certificate, signed by the candidate, certifying that he is knowledgeable of the laws governing election offenses as provided in Chapter 10 of this Title and that he is knowledgeable of the prohibitions relative to erecting, displaying, or posting political campaign signs on any highway right-of-way, publicly owned property or right-of-way, or to or on any public utility pole or stanchion, as provided in R.S. 48:347(D), R.S. 30:2544, and R.S. 18:1470. Except as provided in R.S. 30:2544, whoever so erects, displays, or posts political campaign signs on any publicly owned property or right-of-way, or to or on any public utility pole or stanchion shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not in excess of one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

(4) An agent who files a notice of candidacy without the authorization or consent of the candidate to file such notice of candidacy shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not in excess of five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

B. Repealed by Acts 2008, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, §3, eff. Jan. 1, 2009.

C. On the forms for notice of candidacy which are prepared, printed, and distributed by the secretary of state, a notice shall be printed below the signature line which shall inform the candidate that copies of the forms and pamphlets of explanation and instruction which are distributed by the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure are available from the clerk of court or the committee, and that information contained in the notice of candidacy may be posted on the website of the secretary of state as determined by the secretary of state.

D. Not later than the Friday before the opening of the qualifying period for any primary election, the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure shall deliver a sufficient number of informational packets containing reporting forms and instructions to all officials with whom candidates will qualify for such primary election. The informational packet shall include a notice to the candidate that questions concerning the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act should be addressed to the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, not the official with whom the candidate qualifies. If a candidate qualifies in person, such informational packets shall be distributed to each candidate upon receipt of the candidate's notice of candidacy by the official with whom the candidate qualifies for office. If a candidate qualifies by submitting his notice of candidacy by certified mail, commercial carrier, or agent, such informational packets shall be mailed to the candidate at his mailing address or, if no mailing address is provided, the address of his domicile as set forth in the notice of candidacy within two business days after receipt of the notice of candidacy.

E.(1) A candidate who has filed a notice of candidacy may change the information contained therein by filing a new notice of candidacy and paying the qualifying fee required by R.S. 18:464 during the qualifying period; however, a candidate who is serving in the armed forces of the United States who is stationed or deployed outside of the United States shall not be required to pay the qualifying fee.

(2) No changes to the information contained in a notice of candidacy shall be made after the close of qualifying, except to correct an error made by the qualifying official who entered the information contained in the notice of candidacy into the database of the Department of State.

F. The Board of Ethics shall work in conjunction with the attorney general to create informational packets summarizing provisions of the laws relative to dual officeholding and laws under the jurisdiction of the board applicable to public officials relative to conflicts of interest and prohibited transactions, payments,

contracts, and employment. The Board of Ethics shall provide such an informational packet in the same manner as provided in Subsection D of this Section to any candidate who qualifies for office.

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1978, No. 292, §1, eff. July 6, 1978; Acts 1980, No. 786, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1980; Acts 1982, No. 747, §1, eff. Aug. 2, 1982; Acts 1982, No. 778, §1, eff. Aug. 4, 1982; Acts 1983, No. 519, §1, eff. July 8, 1983; Acts 1984, No. 672, §1; Acts 1984, No. 225, §2; Acts 1988, No. 909, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; Acts 1989, No. 768, §2; Acts 1991, 1st E.S., No. 1, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1991; Acts 1995, No. 300, §1, eff. June 15, 1995; Acts 1999, No. 1130, §1; Acts 2001, No. 47, §1; Acts 2003, No. 529, §1, eff. June 27, 2003; Acts 2003, No. 1220, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2004; Acts 2004, No. 526, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005, and §2, eff. June 25, 2004; Acts 2004, No. 829, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2004, No. 896, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2008, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, §3, eff. Jan. 1, 2009; Acts 2008, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 16, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2009; Acts 2010, No. 827, §1; Acts 2011, No. 152, §1; Acts 2012, No. 533, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2013; Acts 2012, No. 609, §1, eff. June 7, 2012; Acts 2012, No. 758, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2013; Acts 2012, No. 778, §1, eff. June 12, 2012; Acts 2013, No. 383, §1, eff. June 18, 2013; Acts 2015, No. 307, §1, eff. June 29, 2015; Acts 2016, No. 281, §1, eff. May 31, 2016; Acts 2018, No. 584, §3, eff. Jan. 1, 2019; Acts 2019, No. 374, §1, eff. June 19, 2019; Acts 2019, No. 374, §2, eff. Jan 1, 2020; Acts 2020, No. 28, §1, eff. June 4, 2020; §2, eff. Feb. 1, 2021; Acts 2022, No. 35, §1, eff. May 17, 2022.

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SUBPART D. OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDACY

§491. Standing to object to candidacy

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C. In addition to the persons with standing to bring an action objecting to candidacy as provided in Subsections A and B of this Section:

(1) The Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure shall bring or join in an action objecting to the candidacy of a person who qualified as a candidate in a primary election for an office on the grounds provided in R.S. 18:492(A)(5).

(2) The Board of Ethics shall bring or join in an action objecting to the candidacy of a person who qualified as a candidate in a primary election for an office on the grounds provided in R.S. 18:492(A)(6).

(3) The Board of Ethics shall bring or join in an action filed pursuant to R.S. 18:492(A)(4) on the grounds that the person qualified in violation of R.S. 42:1113(A)(1)(b)(i).

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 2003, No. 797, §1; Acts 2004, No. 896, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2006, No. 560, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2008, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 16, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2009; Acts 2010, No. 570, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2015, No. 307, §1, eff. June 29, 2015; Acts 2021, No. 175, §1, eff. June 11, 2021.

§492. Grounds for an objection to candidacy

A. An action objecting to the candidacy of a person who qualified as a candidate in a primary election shall be based on one or more of the following grounds:

(1) The defendant failed to qualify for the primary election in the manner prescribed by law.

(2) The defendant failed to qualify for the primary election within the time prescribed by law.

(3) The defendant does not meet the qualifications for the office he seeks in the primary election.

(4) The defendant is prohibited by law from becoming a candidate for one or more of the offices for which he qualified.

(5) The defendant falsely certified on his notice of candidacy that he does not owe any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act as provided in R.S. 18:463(A)(2).

(6) The defendant falsely certified on his notice of candidacy that he does not owe any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics as provided in R.S. 18:463(A)(2).

(7) The defendant falsely certified on his notice of candidacy that for each of the previous five tax years he has filed his federal and state income tax returns, has filed for an extension of time for filing either his federal or state income tax return or both as provided in R.S. 18:463(A)(2), or was not required to file either a federal or state income tax return or both.

B. A violation of R.S. 18:463(A)(1)(c) by an agent shall not constitute ground for objecting to a candidacy pursuant to Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section.

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1999, No. 254, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2000; Acts 2001, No. 47, §1; Acts 2004, No. 896, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2008, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 16, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2009; Acts 2010, No. 827, §1.

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CHAPTER 10. ELECTION OFFENSES

§1461. Bribery of voters; penalties

NOTE: Paragraph (A)(1) eff. until Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. until Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640 and Acts 2024, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1.

A.(1) Bribery of voters is the giving or offering to give, directly or indirectly, any money, or anything of apparent present or prospective value, to any voter at any general, primary, or special election, or at any convention of a recognized political party, with the intent to influence the voter in the casting of his ballot. The acceptance of, or the offer to accept, directly or indirectly, any money, or anything of apparent present or prospective value, by any such voters under such circumstances shall also constitute bribery of voters.

NOTE: Paragraph (A)(1) as amended by Acts 2024, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, eff. Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640.

A.(1) Bribery of voters is the giving or offering to give, directly or indirectly, any money, or anything of apparent present or prospective value, to any voter at any election, or at any convention of a recognized political party, with the intent to influence the voter in the casting of his ballot. The acceptance of, or the offer to accept, directly or indirectly, any money, or anything of apparent present or prospective value, by any such voters under such circumstances shall also constitute bribery of voters.

(2) Bribery of voters is also the giving or offering to give, directly or indirectly, any money or anything of apparent present or prospective value to secure or influence registration of a person or to secure or influence a person to sign or not sign a recall or other election petition.

B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than four thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both, for the first offense. On a second offense, or any subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

C. In the trial of persons charged with bribery of voters either the bribe-giver or the bribe-taker may give evidence, or make affidavit against the other, and may receive immunity from prosecution in favor of the first informer, except for perjury in giving such testimony.

D. In addition to any other penalty imposed pursuant to this Section, the court may order restitution as a part of the sentence. Restitution may include payment for any costs incurred, including reasonable attorney fees, by a candidate who brought an action contesting an election wherein the court found that one or more of the votes cast in the contested election were illegal based on the actions of the defendant and the court changed the result of the election or ordered a new election to be held.

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Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1980, No. 786, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1981; Acts 1994, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 10, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, No. 353, §1; Acts 1997, No. 594, §1; Acts 1997, No. 752, §1; Acts 1999, No. 985, §1; Acts 2001, No. 1181, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2002; Acts 2004, No. 889, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 431, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2006; Acts 2006, No. 560, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2009, No. 570, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2010; Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2015, No. 347, §1; Acts 2019, No. 399, §1; Acts 2024, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, §1, eff. See Act; Acts 2024, No. 640, §2, eff. See Act.

§1461.1. Coercion; prohibited practices; penalties

A.(1) No person shall knowingly coerce or attempt to coerce another person to give or withhold a contribution to influence the nomination or election of a person to the office of president or vice president of the United States, presidential elector, delegate to a political party convention, United States senator, United States congressman, or political party office.

(2) No person based on an individual's contribution, promise to make a contribution, or failure to make a contribution to influence the nomination or election of a person to any of the offices listed in this Subsection shall directly or indirectly affect an individual's employment by means of:

(a) Denial or deprivation or the threat of the denial or deprivation of any employment or position.

(b) Denial or deprivation or the threat of the denial or deprivation of the loss of any compensation, payment, benefit, or other emolument derived from or related to such employment or position.

(c) Discharge, promotion, degradation, or change in any manner in rank, status, or classification, or the threat or promise to do so.

(3)(a) No person based on an individual's contribution, promise to make a contribution, or failure to make any contribution to influence the nomination or election of a person to any of the offices listed in this Subsection shall directly or indirectly affect an individual by means of:

(i) Denial or deprivation or the threat of the denial or deprivation of membership or participation in any organization.

(ii) Denial or deprivation or the threat of the denial or deprivation of the loss of any compensation, payment, benefit, or other emolument derived from or related to such membership or participation in any organization.

(iii) Discharge, promotion, degradation, or change in any manner in rank, status, or classification in any organization, or the threat or promise to do so.

(b)(i) No organization shall directly or indirectly have as a condition of membership or participation, the requirement that a person make a contribution to such organization which will be used by such organization for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of a person to any of the offices listed in this Subsection, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters, or for the purpose of supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.

(ii) For the purposes of this Subparagraph, "contribution" shall have the same meaning as provided for in R.S. 18:1483(6) and shall also include any dues or membership fees of any organization.

(c) For the purposes of this Paragraph, "organization" shall mean a partnership, association, labor union, political committee, corporation, or other legal entity, including their subsidiaries.

(4) No political committee, candidate, or other person shall knowingly and willfully make a contribution or expenditure using funds which were obtained through any practice prohibited by this Section.

(5) Any contribution received by a candidate, political committee, or other person who makes expenditures or receives contributions which was obtained through practices prohibited in this Subsection

shall escheat to the state and shall be paid over to the state by such candidate, political committee, or such other person.

(6) Penalties for violations of any of the provisions of this Section shall be as provided in R.S. 18:1461(B).

B. Terms used in this Section shall be defined as in Chapter 11 of this Title except that, for purposes of this Section:

(1) "Candidate" shall mean a person who seeks nomination or election to the office of president or vice president of the United States, presidential elector, delegate to a political party convention, United States senator, United States congressman, or political party office. An individual shall be deemed to seek nomination or election to such office if he has, since prior participation in an election, if any, received and accepted a contribution or made an expenditure, or has given his consent for any other person or committee to receive a contribution or make an expenditure with a view to influencing his nomination or election to such office, or taken the action necessary under the laws of the state of Louisiana to qualify himself for nomination or election to such office.

(2) "Person who makes expenditures or receives contributions" shall mean any person, other than a candidate or a political committee, who makes any expenditure or who accepts a contribution, other than to or from a candidate or to or from a political committee, if either said expenditures or said contributions exceed five hundred dollars in the aggregate during the aggregating period provided in the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act which would be applicable to candidates as defined in this Subsection if they were candidates for purposes of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Acts 1997, No. 542, §1.

§1461.2. Election offenses affecting registration and election fraud or forgery; penalties

A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:

(1) Vote or attempt to vote more than once at an election.

(2) Vote or attempt to vote, knowing that he is not qualified, or influence or attempt to influence another to vote, knowing such voter to be unqualified or the vote to be fraudulent.

(3) Register, vote, or attempt to register or vote in the name of another or in an assumed or fictitious name, or in any manner other than as provided in this Title.

(4) Forge the name of another or use a fictitious name on an affidavit or document required under this Title.

(5) Procure or submit voter registration applications that are known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent.

(6) Forge, alter, add to, deface, take, destroy, or remove from proper custodial care any book, card, record, voter registration application, election return, nomination papers, withdrawals of candidacy, election supplies, election paraphernalia, or any affidavit or other document required or provided for under the provisions of this Title, unless required to be removed by a court of competent jurisdiction for inspection and photostatic copying for the court record.

(7) Have in his possession an official ballot in violation of any provision of this Title.

(8) Have in his possession the registration certificate of another with intent to violate any provision of this Title.

(9) For purposes other than fulfilling the person's duties relative to registration of voters as provided by law, copy or reproduce a voter registration application that has been submitted by an applicant.

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(10) Fill out information on another person's voter registration application, except when providing assistance to an applicant in the manner authorized by this Title.

B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be subject to the penalty provisions of R.S. 14:133.1.1.

Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2013, No. 383, §1, eff. June 18, 2013; Acts 2024, No. 350, §2; Acts 2024, No. 701, §1.

§1461.3. Election offenses affecting election officials or watchers; penalties

A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:

(1) Being an election official, permit fraudulent votes to be cast, or knowingly count votes not entitled to be cast.

(2) Fail, refuse, or neglect to discharge any duty imposed upon him, either individually or in an official capacity, by any provision of this Title.

(3) Supply a false answer or statement to an election official or in any document required by this Title, or execute an affidavit knowing it to contain false or incorrect information.

B. Whoever violates any provision of Subsection A of this Section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.

C. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:

(1) Being a registrar, deputy registrar, commissioner-in-charge or commissioner fail to identify an applicant to vote as required by this Title.

(2) Sign another voter's name in the precinct register.

(3) Attempt to influence an election official or watcher in the performance of his duties on election day.

(4) Disobey any lawful instruction of a registrar, deputy registrar, commissioner-in-charge or commissioner or a law enforcement officer providing assistance to maintain order at a polling place.

D. Whoever violates any provision of Subsection C of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than six months, or both.

Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.

§1461.4. Election offenses involving threats or intimidation of voters; penalties

A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:

(1) Intimidate, deceive, or misinform, directly or indirectly, any voter or prospective voter in matters concerning voting or nonvoting or voter registration or nonregistration, or the signing or not signing of a petition, including but not limited to any matter concerning the voluntary affiliation or nonaffiliation of a voter with any political party.

(2) While in the voting booth assisting another person in voting, coerce, compel, or otherwise influence the assisted voter to cast his vote in a certain way.

(3) Intimidate a person by the use of violence, force, or threats with the intent to influence that person's decision to vote or to impede such person's ingress or egress from a polling place.

(4) Without lawful authority, obstruct, hinder, or delay any voter on his way to or while returning home from any polling place where an election is being held or on his way to or while returning home from a place where he can legally exercise a vote concerning candidate representation of his party.

B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both, for the first offense. On a second offense, or any subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.

§1461.5. Election offenses involving bribery, threats or intimidation of election officials or candidates; penalties

A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:

(1) Offer money or anything of apparent present or prospective value or use, directly or indirectly, or engage in any form of intimidation to influence the action or encourage inaction of any election official with regard to the duties of his office.

(2) Give or offer to give, directly or indirectly, any money or anything of apparent present or prospective value to any person who has withdrawn or who was eliminated prior or subsequent to the primary election as a candidate for public office, for the purpose of securing or giving his political support to any remaining candidate or candidates for public office in the primary or general election.

(3) When such person is a candidate for public office who has withdrawn or was eliminated prior to or subsequent to the primary election, accept or offer to accept, directly or indirectly, any money, or anything of apparent present or prospective value that is given for the purpose of securing or giving his political support to any remaining candidate or candidates for public office in the primary or general election.

(4)(a) Give or offer to give, directly or indirectly, any money or any thing of apparent present or prospective value to a candidate for public office for the purpose of securing the candidate's withdrawal from an election.

(b) Solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, money or any thing of apparent present or prospective value to secure the withdrawal from an election of a candidate for public office.

B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both, for the first offense. On a second offense, or any subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

C. In the trial of a person charged with a violation of this Section, either the bribe-giver or the bribe-taker may give evidence, or make affidavit against the other, and may receive immunity from prosecution in favor of the first informer, except for perjury in giving such testimony.

Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 585, §1.

§1461.6. Election offenses involving tampering with election equipment; penalties

A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:

(1) Prior to an election, during transit to a polling place, during early voting, during election day voting or while in storage awaiting certification of election results, with intent to defraud, tamper with any voting equipment so as to attempt to influence the accurate and timely reporting of election results.

(2) Unlawfully, directly or indirectly, possess, tamper with, break, impair, impede, or otherwise interfere with the maintenance, adjustment, delivery, use, or operation of any voting machine or part thereof or with any of the paraphernalia connected with or appertaining thereto.

B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.

§1461.7. Miscellaneous election offenses; penalties

A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:

(1) Fail to submit to the parish registrar of voters a completed registration application collected through a third-party voter registration drive within thirty days of receipt of the completed application from the applicant or no later than the date provided in R.S. 18:135(A)(1), whichever occurs first.

(2) As a voter, election official, watcher, or person assisting a voter, allow a ballot to be seen, except as provided by law; announce the manner in which a person has cast his ballot; place a distinguishing mark on a ballot with intent to make the ballot identifiable, or make a false statement concerning ability to mark a ballot without assistance.

(3) When assisting a voter in voting, fail to mark the ballot or vote in the manner dictated by the voter.

(4) Being a physician, optometrist, physician assistant as defined in R.S. 37:1360.22, or nurse practitioner as defined in R.S. 37:913 certify to the disability of a voter under this Title or certify that a person will be hospitalized on election day, knowing such information to be false.

(5) Transmit or otherwise provide false or misleading information concerning an election from a source disguised to appear to be or while impersonating the secretary of state, a registrar of voters, a clerk of court, or other election official.

(6) Facilitate the distribution and collection of absentee by mail ballot applications or absentee by mail ballots in violation of this Title.

(7) Breach any mandatory provision of this Title.

NOTE: Paragraph (8) eff. July 1, 2025. See Acts 2024, No. 302.

(8) Witness the certificate of more than one voter who is not an immediate family member in violation of R.S. 18:1306.

NOTE: Paragraph (9) eff. July 1, 2025. See Acts 2024, No. 712.

(9) Witness more than one certificate of a voter who is not an immediate family member in violation of R.S. 18:1306.

B. Whoever violates any provision of Subsection A of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. On a second offense, or any subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

C. No person shall:

(1) Possess any beverage of alcoholic content in a polling place after having been directed by a registrar or deputy registrar, commissioner-in-charge, commissioner or law enforcement officer providing assistance to maintain order at the polling place to remove or dispose of the beverage.

(2) Appear at a polling place in an intoxicated condition.

(3) Carry or possess a firearm while present in a polling place, except a peace officer as defined by R.S. 40:2402(3)(a), in the performance of his official duties.

D. Whoever violates any provision of Subsection C of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. On a second offense or any subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2020, No. 28, §1, eff. June 4, 2020; Acts 2021, No. 381, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2022; Acts 2024, No. 302, §2, eff. July 1, 2025; Acts 2024, No. 317, §2, eff. May 28, 2024; Acts 2024, No. 701, §1; Acts 2024, No. 712, §1, eff. July 1, 2025.

§1461.8. Election offense; candidate; forfeiture of office

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and in addition to the penalties provided in R.S. 18:1461 through 1461.7, any candidate who is elected to public office and is convicted of an election offense as provided in R. S. 18:1461, 1461.2(A)(2) or (4), 1461.3(A)(3), 1461.4(A)(1) and 1461.5(A)(2) that is related to his campaign for such public office shall forfeit such public office. If such conviction becomes final prior to the candidate taking the oath of office for such public office, the candidate shall forfeit the public office and shall not be allowed to hold such public office and such public office shall be declared vacant at the time such conviction becomes final. If the conviction for such election offense does not become final until after such candidate has taken the oath of office for such public office, then, at the time such conviction becomes final, he shall forfeit such public office and shall be, ipso facto, removed from such public office and such public office shall be declared vacant.

B. However, if such candidate held such public office at the time of the commission of the election offense, he shall be allowed to serve the remainder of the term he was then serving, but, at the time his conviction for the election offense becomes final, he shall forfeit the public office for the subsequent term. If he has taken the oath of office for the subsequent term, he shall, at the time the conviction for the election offense becomes final, forfeit such public office and shall be, ipso facto, removed from such public office and such public office shall be declared vacant.

C. Any vacancy in a public office occurring as a result of the provisions of this Section shall be filled as in the case of ordinary vacancies and according to the constitution and laws of the state.

Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.

§1462. Acts prohibited during early voting or on election day; electioneering; intimidation; exceptions; enforcement; penalties

A. The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that the right to vote is a right that is essential to the effective operation of a democratic government. In order to preserve the integrity of its election process, and to protect the right of citizens to vote freely for the candidates of their choice, the state has a compelling interest in establishing a zone securing polling locations against certain conduct and activities, including voter intimidation, election fraud, confusion, and general disorder, that would interfere with the exercise of the right to vote. The legislature, therefore, enacts this Subsection to provide for a six hundred foot campaign-free zone around polling places to provide to each voter such an environment in which to exercise his right to vote. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it shall be unlawful for any person, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., to perform or cause to be performed any of the following acts within any polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting, or within a radius of six hundred feet of the entrance to any polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting:

(1) To solicit in any manner or by any means whatsoever any other person to vote for or against any candidate or proposition being voted on in such election.

(2) To remain within any such polling place or within a radius of six hundred feet of the entrance of any such polling place, except when exercising the right to vote, after having been directed by an election commissioner, law enforcement officer, registrar, or deputy registrar to leave the premises or area of a polling place.

(3) To hand out, place, or display campaign cards, pictures, or other campaign literature of any kind or description whatsoever which advocate for or against any candidate, proposition, or political party appearing on the ballot in the election.

(4) To place or display political signs, pictures, or other forms of political advertising which advocate for or against any candidate, proposition, or political party appearing on the ballot in the election.

(5) To circulate a petition or seek handwritten signatures to a petition.

B. The provisions hereof shall not apply to the placing and displaying, either by the owner, lessee, or lawful occupant thereof, or with the consent of such owner, lessee or occupant, of political signs or pictures on private property which is not being used as a polling place.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed as prohibiting any appointed election commissioner or any official watcher from remaining in and about the polling place in which he was selected to serve.

D. No election official shall wear any badge, button, pin, or other insignia identifying him with any political candidate or faction.

E. No election official shall in any manner attempt to influence any voter to vote for or against any candidate or proposition being voted on in the election being held in that polling place.

F. The duly constituted law enforcement officers of the political subdivision in which any such election is being held shall enforce the provisions of this Section when requested to do so by a registrar, deputy registrar, commissioner-in-charge or commissioner. The registrar, deputy registrars, commissioners-in-charge and commissioners likewise shall enforce the provisions of this Section at the polling places. The law enforcement officers, commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, deputy registrars and registrar are authorized to seize, remove, and destroy any political cards, signs, pictures, or literature being used or displayed in violation of any of the provisions hereof.

G. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. On a second offense or any succeeding offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1980, No. 810, §1; Acts 1982, No. 778, §1, eff. Aug. 4, 1982; Acts 1995, No. 300, §1, eff. June 15, 1995; Acts 2004, No. 626, §1; Acts 2005, No. 220, §4, eff. Jan. 1, 2006; Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2013, No. 383, §1, eff. June 18, 2013; Acts 2021, No. 85, §1, eff. June 4, 2021.

§1462.1. Registration of persons conducting exit polling during early voting or on election day; penalties

A. The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that the right to vote is a right that is essential to the effective operation of a democratic government and that voters should be free from intimidation, harassment, confusion, obstruction, and undue influence in the campaign-free zone provided in R.S. 18:1462(A) by individuals conducting exit polling who have not registered with the secretary of state.

B. No person shall conduct an exit poll between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. within any polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting, or within a radius of six hundred feet of the entrance to any polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting, unless the person conducting the polling has filed a registration statement with the secretary of state prior to the start

of early voting or election day, as applicable. The registration statement may be filed in person, by facsimile, or by electronic mail.

C. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined one hundred dollars or be imprisoned for ten days, or both, for the first offense. For a second offense, the penalty shall be a fine of two hundred dollars or imprisonment for ten days, or both. For a third or subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of five hundred dollars or imprisonment for ten days, or both.

Acts 2021, No. 13, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2022.

§1463. Political material; ethics; prohibitions

A. The Legislature of Louisiana finds that the state has a compelling interest in taking every necessary step to assure that all elections are held in a fair and ethical manner and finds that an election cannot be held in a fair and ethical manner when any candidate or other person is allowed to print or distribute any material which falsely alleges that a candidate is supported by or affiliated with another candidate, group of candidates, or other person, or a political faction, or to publish statements that make scurrilous, false, or irresponsible adverse comments about a candidate or a proposition. The legislature further finds that the state has a compelling interest to protect the electoral process and that the people have an interest in knowing the identity of each candidate whose number appears on a sample ballot in order to be fully informed and to exercise their right to vote for a candidate of their choice. The legislature further finds that it is essential to the protection of the electoral process that the people be able to know who is responsible for publications in order to more properly evaluate the statements contained in them and to informatively exercise their right to vote. The legislature further finds that it is essential to the protection of the electoral process to prohibit misrepresentation that a person, committee, or organization speaks, writes, or acts on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or political party, or an agent or employee thereof.

B.(1) No person shall cause to be printed or assist in the distribution, transportation, or transmission by any means of any facsimile of an official ballot or cause to be printed, distributed, transported, or transmitted any unofficial sample ballot with the number of a candidate unless the name of the candidate to whom the ballot number was assigned is correctly listed on the ballot.

(2) No person shall cause to be printed or assist in the distribution, transportation, or transmission by any means of any facsimile of an official ballot, or cause to be printed, distributed, transported, or transmitted any unofficial sample ballot containing a photograph, or likeness of any person which falsely alleges, with an intent to misrepresent, that any person or candidate, or group of candidates in an election is endorsed by or supported by another candidate, group of candidates or other person.

C.(1) No person shall cause to be distributed, or transmitted, any oral, visual, digital, or written material containing any statement which he knows or should be reasonably expected to know makes a false statement about a candidate for election in a primary or general election or about a proposition to be submitted to the voters.

(2) Whenever any person, political committee, entity or organization makes a disbursement for the purpose of the financing of any electioneering communication, such communication shall comply with the following items under the following circumstances:

(a) If the communication is paid for and authorized by a candidate, an authorized political committee of a candidate, or its agents, it shall clearly state that the communication has been paid for by such authorized political committee. The name of the political committee paying for the communication shall be given in full and no acronyms shall be used.

(b) If the communication is paid for by other persons, but authorized by a candidate, an authorized political committee of a candidate, or its agents, it shall clearly state that the communication is paid for by

such other persons and authorized by such authorized political committee. The name of the authorized political committee shall be given in full and no acronyms shall be used.

(c) If the communication is not authorized by a candidate, a political committee of a candidate, or its agents, it shall clearly state the (i) name, (ii) physical address (not post office box), and (iii) telephone number and the world-wide web address if available of the person, committee, entity or organization who paid for the communication and state that the communication is not authorized by any candidate or candidate committee. The name of the payer shall be given in full and no acronyms shall be used.

(3) If an individual, association, organization, committee, or corporation is responsible for or causes the distribution or transmission of any statements relative to candidates or propositions which do not fully disclose the name of the individual or the name of the association, organization, committee, or corporation, and the full and correct name and address of its chairman or other chief administrative officer and whether or not such individual, association, organization, committee, or corporation supports or opposes such candidate or proposition, such individual, association, organization, committee, or corporation shall report all expenditures incurred in relation to the publication, distribution, transportation, or transmission in accordance with R.S. 18:1491.7, 1495.5, or 1501.1.

(4)(a) No person shall misrepresent himself or any committee or organization under his control as speaking, writing, or otherwise acting for or on behalf of any candidate, political committee, or political party, or any employee or agent thereof.

(b) No person shall willfully and knowingly participate in or conspire to participate in a plan, scheme, or design to misrepresent himself or any committee or organization under his control or under the control of any other participant in the plan, scheme, or design as speaking, writing, or otherwise acting for or on behalf of any candidate, political committee, or political party, or any employee or agent thereof.

(c) A radio or television broadcaster who broadcasts a paid political announcement or advertisement, the content of which the broadcaster had no input in or control over, is not subject to the provisions of this Paragraph.

(5) For purposes of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the term "electioneering communication" means any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a legally qualified candidate for elected office and is broadcast within sixty days before any election in which such candidate is on the ballot.

D.(1) An affected candidate or voter shall be entitled to an injunction to restrain future violations of Subsections B and C of this Section.

(2) In the event a permanent injunction is granted, reasonable attorney fees shall be allowed the petitioner by the court which shall be taxed as costs to be paid by the defendant.

E.(1) No person shall cause to be distributed or transmitted for or on behalf of a candidate for political office any oral, visual, digital, or written material constituting a paid political announcement or advertisement, which is paid for by a third-party entity, without providing the name of the third-party entity on the face of the advertisement. The name of the third-party entity shall be included on written and digital material, political announcements, and advertisements so that it is clear and understandable.

(2) The name of the third-party entity in visual and oral political announcements or advertisements shall be included so that it is clearly understandable as well as audible and visible for not less than three seconds. If the advertisement is placed by a public relations firm, advertising agency, media buyer, or other person who purchases media advertising or time or space for such advertising, such person shall provide the information required by this Section.

(3) In digital announcements or advertisements, the name of the third-party entity shall appear in a text sized at least as large as the smallest text in the digital material or in a heading or similar section of text displayed above or within the digital material that is visually distinct from the remainder of the digital

material's text and shall have a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the name of the third-party entity.

(4) For the purposes of this Subsection, "person" means any individual, partnership, association, labor union, political committee, corporation, or other legal entity, including its subsidiaries.

(5)(a) A media entity who broadcasts a paid political announcement or advertisement, the content of which the broadcaster has no input in or control over, is not subject to the provisions of this Subsection.

(b) For purposes of this Subsection, a media entity includes a radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable or satellite television company, or other video service provider, streaming video provider, newspaper company, periodical company, billboard company, advertisement agency, or media platform responsible for the production or publication of any advertisement, voice, data, or other communications, information services, or internet access provider, or bona fide news or public interest website operator.

F. For the purposes of this Section, the term "digital material" means any material or communication that, for a fee, is placed or promoted on a public facing website, web application, or digital application, including a social network, advertising network, or search engine.

G. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 543, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1988, No. 957, §1; Acts 1991, No. 255, §1; Acts 1993, No. 254, §1; Acts 1995, No. 300, §1, eff. June 15, 1995; Acts 1997, No. 1223, §1, eff. July 15, 1997; Acts 1997, No. 1420, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; Acts 2001, No. 554, §1; Acts 2008, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 14, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2010; Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2022, No. 39, §1, eff. May 17, 2022.

§1463.1. Telephone campaign communications; disclosure

A. The Legislature of Louisiana finds that the state has a compelling interest in protecting the integrity of the electoral process and in assuring that the voters are able to know who is responsible for telephone campaign communications in order to more properly evaluate the statements contained in them and to cast a more informed vote. The legislature further finds that it is essential to the protection of the electoral process to prohibit misrepresentation that a person, committee, or organization speaks on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or an agent thereof.

B.(1) No person shall make or cause to be made any telephone call or automated call expressly advocating support or opposition of a candidate, or elected public official, or ballot proposition unless the call identifies the source of the call as provided in this Section.

(2) The source of a call shall be identified as follows:

(a) If the call is paid for and authorized by a candidate, a principal or subsidiary committee of a candidate, or an agent of a candidate or of such a committee, the call shall clearly state that the call has been paid for by the candidate or the committee, as applicable.

(b) If the call is authorized by a candidate, a principal or subsidiary committee of a candidate, or an agent of a candidate or of such a committee, but is paid for by any other person, the call shall clearly state that the call is authorized by such candidate or committee, or agent on behalf of such candidate or committee, as applicable.

(c) If the call is authorized by a political committee that is not a principal or subsidiary committee of a candidate, or by an agent of such a committee, and is paid for by such committee or agent or by any other person, the call shall clearly state that the call is authorized by such committee.

(d) If the call is not authorized by a candidate, a principal or subsidiary committee of a candidate, any other political committee, or an agent of a candidate or of a political committee, and is paid for by any other person, the call shall clearly state who authorized the call.

(3) This Subsection shall not apply to:

(a) Any telephone call in which the individual making the call is not being paid and the individuals participating in the call knew each other prior to the call.

(b) Any telephone call or automated call that is conducted to collect information, including message testing, or for the purpose of polling respondents concerning a candidate, elected public official, or ballot proposition, which is a part of a series of like telephone calls that consists of fewer than one thousand five hundred completed calls that average more than two minutes in duration. Such a call is presumed to be a scientific poll and not a campaign communication subject to the provisions of this Subsection.

C.(1) No person shall make or cause to be made any telephone call or automated call that states or implies that the caller represents any candidate, political committee, or any other person or organization unless the candidate, political committee, person, or organization so represented has given specific approval to the person paying for the call in writing to make such representation. The person who pays for any call subject to the provisions of this Section shall maintain records of all such calls. The person shall also maintain a copy of all such written approvals he has received as required by this Paragraph and shall file a copy of each with the secretary of state before the calls authorized by such approval commence. The filing may be accomplished by facsimile transmission as long as within two days, exclusive of legal holidays, the original approvals received are forwarded by United States mail to the secretary of state.

(2)(a) No person shall make or cause to be made any telephone call or automated call supporting or opposing a candidate, with the knowledge and cooperation of a candidate or a political committee of a candidate, unless the person has received the prior written approval of such candidate or committee.

(b) A copy of each written approval required by this Subsection shall be filed with the secretary of state by the candidate prior to the time the calls authorized by such approval commence. The filing may be accomplished by facsimile transmission as long as within two days, exclusive of legal holidays, the original approvals received are forwarded by United States mail to the secretary of state.

D. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Automated call" includes any call using a prerecorded or artificial voice as part of a calling campaign to deliver information.

(2) "Candidate", "person", "political committee" or "committee", "principal campaign committee", "subsidiary committee", and "public office" shall have the meanings provided in R.S. 18:1483.

(3) "Elected public official" means an individual who holds public office.

(4) "Message testing" means studying for research purposes how individuals react to positive or negative information on a candidate, elected public official, or ballot proposition.

E. Whoever violates any provision of this Section may be punished by a civil fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. Upon a second or subsequent violation, the penalty shall be a civil fine not to exceed five thousand dollars.

Acts 2008, No. 810, §1.

§1464. Excessive charge for political advertisements prohibited; penalty

A. No daily, bi-weekly, weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly newspaper, journal, periodical, or other publication and no radio station, television station, or chain or network of radio or television stations

operating in this state shall assess or charge for political announcements and advertisements any amount which is in excess of the rates assessed and charged for regular commercial advertising.

B. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1465. Prohibited use of public funds

A. No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated to a candidate or political organization. This provision shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to a proposition appearing on an election ballot.

B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.

§1466. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings hereafter ascribed to each:

- (1) "Person" shall have the meaning ascribed to it by R.S. 1:10.
- (2) "Election official" means:
 - (a) The parish board of election supervisors.
 - (b) Clerks and their employees who perform duties in the election process.
 - (c) Registrars of voters and their employees.
 - (d) The secretary of state and employees of his office who perform duties in the election process.
 - (e) Commissioners, including the commissioner-in-charge.

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.

§1467. Conviction in fraudulent vote cases; prohibition from employment in elections

Any person who has been convicted of any crime involving fraud or any violation of this Title while serving in the conduct of an election and in his capacity as a commissioner-in-charge, commissioner, watcher, or employee of a parish custodian of voting machines, or deputy of a clerk of court or law enforcement officer, shall thereafter be prohibited from serving in any of the positions aforementioned in any election or in connection with any election.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 590, §3, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.

§1468. Contributions in return for endorsement; prohibition

A. No person shall solicit or receive funds nor any thing of value from a candidate or political committee and no candidate or political committee or other person shall pay any funds or any thing of value to any person for the purpose of endorsing, supporting, opposing, or securing an endorsement, support of or opposition to any candidate. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the payment by a candidate, political committee, or other person, of funds or any thing of value to a person in return for the conducting, by such person to whom the payment is made, of a social function which is in support of or in opposition to a candidate or political committee of* which otherwise seeks to influence an election.

B. The terms used in this Section shall be defined as in Chapter 11 of this Title.

C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both.

Added by Acts 1980, No. 786, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1981; Acts 2010, No. 797, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.

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§1469. Bribery of a candidate; crime defined; penalty

A. Bribery of a candidate is the giving, promising or offering to give, directly or indirectly, a campaign contribution to a candidate, political committee, or other person, or the accepting, soliciting, offering to accept, directly or indirectly, a campaign contribution, by a candidate, political committee or other person, with the intention that the candidate will provide or influence another to provide the contributor or another person a position of public employment, an appointive governmental position, a public contract, or anything of apparent present or prospective value.

B. The definitions of terms in Chapter 11 of the Louisiana Election Code shall be applicable to this Section.

C. Whoever commits the crime of bribery of a candidate shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both.

Added by Acts 1980, No. 786, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1981.

§1470. Political advertising; prohibition

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, political campaign signs shall not be erected, displayed, or posted on any publicly owned property or right of way, or to or on any public utility pole or stanchion.

Acts 1984, No. 225, §2.

§1471. Temporary restraining order; notice; hearing

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a temporary restraining order shall not issue with respect to an allegation of any practice or procedure contrary to the election laws of the state unless notice is given to the adverse party and an opportunity had for a hearing prior to the local, state, or national election affected.

B. After service of the notice, the temporary restraining order shall be assigned for hearing not less than ten days prior to the election.

C. An appeal may be taken as a matter of right from a temporary restraining order relating to an alleged violation of the Louisiana Election Code. However, such an order shall be suspended during the pendency of an appeal unless the court in its discretion orders otherwise.

Acts 1990, No. 107, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1991.

§1472. Election offenses informational packet for candidates

A. Each candidate who qualifies for election in any primary election shall be provided an informational packet concerning the election offenses provided in this Chapter by the official with whom the candidate qualifies. The informational packet shall contain a summary of such offenses, the applicable enforcement procedures for such offenses, and the penalties for violations and a notice that questions concerning election violations should be directed to the attorney general or his designee and not to the official with whom the candidate qualifies.

B.(1) The informational packet shall be disseminated to each qualifying candidate immediately upon receipt of the candidate's notice of candidacy.

(2) When the notice of candidacy is filed by certified mail, by commercial carrier, or by an agent of the candidate, the informational packet shall be mailed within forty-eight hours of receipt of the notice of candidacy, via United States Postal Service first class mail, to the candidate at the address of his domicile as set forth in the notice of candidacy.

C. The attorney general shall provide for the preparation of the informational packets, including a summary of the election offenses and penalties for violations.

D.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (B)(2) of this Section, the informational packets concerning election offenses shall be disseminated at the same time the campaign finance disclosure informational packets are disseminated to qualifying candidates as provided in R.S. 18:463. The same procedure utilized in disseminating the campaign finance disclosure packets shall be used to disseminate the informational packet concerning election offenses.

(2) The attorney general shall provide a sufficient number of the informational packets concerning election offenses to the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure who shall forward such packets to the officials with whom the candidates qualify at the time required for furnishing the campaign finance disclosure information to such officials for dissemination with the campaign finance disclosure information.

Acts 1999, No. 1130, §1; Acts 2001, No. 47, §1; Acts 2001, No. 554, §1.

TITLE 23. LABOR AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION

CHAPTER 9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

PART III. INTERFERENCE WITH INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

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§967. Employee protection from reprisal; prohibited practices; remedies

A. An employer shall not take reprisal against an employee who in good faith, and after advising the employer of the violation of law:

- (1) Discloses or threatens to disclose a workplace act or practice that is in violation of state law.
- (2) Provides information to or testifies before any public body conducting an investigation, hearing, or inquiry into any violation of law.
- (3) Objects to or refuses to participate in an employment act or practice that is in violation of law.

B. An employee may commence a civil action in a district court where the violation occurred against any employer who engages in a practice prohibited by Subsection A of this Section. If the court finds the provisions of Subsection A of this Section have been violated, the plaintiff may recover from the employer damages, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs.

C. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the definitions ascribed below:

(1) "Reprisal" includes firing, layoff, loss of benefits, or any discriminatory action the court finds was taken as a result of an action by the employee that is protected under Subsection A of this Section; however, nothing in this Section shall prohibit an employer from enforcing an established employment policy, procedure, or practice or exempt an employee from compliance with such.

(2) "Damages" include compensatory damages, back pay, benefits, reinstatement, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs resulting from the reprisal.

D. If suit or complaint is brought in bad faith or if it should be determined by a court that the employer's act or practice was not in violation of the law, the employer may be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and court costs from the employee.

Acts 1997, No. 1104, §1.

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CHAPTER 10. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

PART VI. LOUISIANA WORKERS' COMPENSATION CORPORATION

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§1406. Conflict of interest

A. Notwithstanding that Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 is not applicable to the corporation or to its board members, officers, or employees or to any spouse, sibling,

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ascendant, or descendant of a board member, officer, or employee of the corporation, the following provisions shall apply:

(1)(a) Except for a member of the board, no officer or employee of the corporation, or any spouse, sibling, ascendant, or descendant of the officer or employee shall have a financial interest in any entity doing business or proposing to do business with the corporation, except that an officer may be a policyholder.

(b) Any member of the board or any spouse, sibling, ascendant, or descendant of any member of the board who has a financial interest in any entity doing business or proposing to do business with the corporation, other than as a policyholder, shall disclose, in writing, the following:

- (i) The nature, amount, and extent of the financial interest.
- (ii) The name, address, and relationship to the board member, if applicable.
- (iii) The name and business address of the legal entity involved, if applicable.

(c) The disclosure statement required in Subparagraph (b) shall be initially filed with the corporation and the secretary of state within thirty days of the member's commencement of service on the board or within thirty days after the matter subject to disclosure arises, whichever later occurs, and shall be filed thereafter annually, to the extent required, by May first, which annual report shall include such information for the previous calendar year. The statements shall be a matter of public record.

(d) As used in this Paragraph, "financial interest" means ownership by an individual or his spouse, either individually or collectively, of an interest which exceeds five percent of any legal entity.

(2)(a) Except for a member of the board, no officer or employee of the corporation who leaves the service or employ of the corporation may represent any person doing business or proposing to do business with the corporation for a period of two years following termination of service or employment with the corporation, except that an officer may be a policyholder.

(b) Any member of the board who leaves the board, and who does not serve as an officer or employee of the corporation, may represent any person doing business or proposing to do business with the corporation within a period of two years following termination of service on the board, other than as a policyholder, only if within thirty days of such representation, the board member files a written statement with the corporation and with the secretary of state disclosing the following:

- (i) The nature, amount, and extent of the board member's relationship with the person.
- (ii) The name and business address of the person involved and nature of the business or proposed business with the corporation.

(c) The statements filed pursuant to this Paragraph shall be public records.

B.(1) No spouse, sibling, ascendant, or descendant of a board member or officer or employee of the corporation shall be employed by the corporation.

(2) Any spouse, sibling, ascendant, or descendant of a board member or officer or employee of the corporation employed by the corporation on June 21, 1993, whose employment would otherwise be in violation of this Subsection, may continue his employment and this Subsection shall not be construed to hinder, alter, or in any way affect normal promotional advancements for the employee.

(3) This Subsection shall not prohibit the continued employment of any employee nor shall it be construed to hinder, alter, or in any way affect normal promotional advancements for the employee when a spouse, sibling, ascendant, or descendant of the employee becomes a member of the board, provided that the employee has been employed by the corporation for a period of at least one year prior to the spouse, sibling, ascendant, or descendant becoming a member of the board.

C.(1) No officer or employee of the corporation shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any thing of economic value as a gift or gratuity from any person or from any officer, director, agent, or employee of such person, if the officer or employee knows or reasonably should know that such person either:

(a) Has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the corporation.

(b) Is seeking, for compensation, to influence the passage or defeat of any rule or rate by the corporation.

(c) Conducts operations or activities which are regulated by the corporation.

(d) Has a financial interest which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the officer's or employee's stated duty.

(2)(a) Written disclosure shall be made by any member of the board who shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any thing of economic value as a gift or gratuity from any person or from any officer, director, agent, or employee of such person, if the board member knows or reasonably should know that such person either:

(i) Has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the corporation.

(ii) Is seeking, for compensation, to influence the passage or defeat of a rule or rate by the corporation.

(iii) Conducts operations or activities which are regulated by the corporation.

(iv) Has a financial interest which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the member's stated duty.

(b) The disclosure required by Subparagraph (a) shall include the following:

(i) The name and business address of the person involved and the relationship to the board member, if applicable.

(ii) The name and address of any officer, director, agent, or employee of the person involved and the relationship to the board member, if applicable.

(iii) The contractual or other business or financial relationship sought with the corporation, if applicable.

(iv) The regulation sought to be influenced, if applicable.

(v) The corporation-regulated operations or activities conducted by the person involved, if applicable.

(vi) The financial interest of the person involved which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the member's stated duty, if applicable.

(c) The disclosure statement required by Subparagraph (a) shall be filed with the corporation and the secretary of state within thirty days of the member's solicitation or acceptance of the thing of economic value and shall be a matter of public record.

(3) As used in this Subsection, "thing of economic value" means money or any other thing having a value in excess of fifty dollars such as food, drink, or refreshments consumed by a board member, officer, or employee of the corporation, including reasonable transportation and entertainment incidental thereto, while the personal guest of some person.

D. Any person who violates any provision of this Section or who knowingly makes a false statement in any disclosure required by this Section may be fined not more than five thousand dollars.

E.(1) Nothing in this Section shall require disclosure by a board member appointed pursuant to and in accordance with Article XII, Section 8.1(C)(1)(f) of the Constitution of Louisiana of information regarding the sale or offer to sell of workers' compensation insurance as an agent licensed by the Department of Insurance.

(2) Nothing in this Section shall require disclosure by a board member appointed pursuant to and in accordance with Article XII, Section 8.1(C)(1)(g) of the Constitution of Louisiana of information regarding

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the issuance of workers' compensation insurance as a representative of insurers licensed by the Department of Insurance to issue workers' compensation insurance.

Acts 1991, No. 814, §1, eff. Nov. 20, 1991; Acts 1993, No. 715, §1, eff. June 21, 1993.

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CHAPTER 14. LOUISIANA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§2049. Council meetings

A. All meetings of the council shall be open and subject to the provisions of R.S. 42:11 et seq. A record of all proceedings at regular and special meetings of the council shall be kept and shall be open to public inspection, as provided in R.S. 42:20.

B. The council shall meet no less than four times each calendar year. The council shall adopt a regular schedule of meetings; however, additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.

C. A quorum of the council shall be a majority of the members serving. In order for the council to take official action, affirmative approval of a majority of members serving is required. All members present shall vote, except as provided in Subsection D of this Section.

D. If any council member, in the discharge of a duty or responsibility of his office or position, would be required to vote on a matter which vote would be a violation of R.S. 42:1112 or 1113(B), he shall recuse himself from voting.

E. Designees, as provided in R.S. 23:2051, shall be considered as members for purposes of establishing a quorum.

Acts 1997, No. 1, §1, eff. April 30, 1997; Acts 2008, No. 743, §2, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2012, No. 21, §1.

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§2209. Conflicts of interest

A. A board member shall recuse himself pursuant to R.S. 42:1112(C) from voting and discussions in any matter in which the board member, a member of his immediate family as defined by R.S. 42:1102(13), or an entity of which the board member or a member of his immediate family is an owner, officer, director, partner, or employee, and has a substantial economic interest as defined by R.S. 42:1102(21) due to involvement as an employer in any program or service that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the board. The existence of such relationships shall not preclude a person from being a board member, but recusal from voting and discussion in such matters shall be required to avoid any violation of R.S. 42:1111(C)(2)(d), 1112, or 1113(B) that otherwise would result. This provision shall not be construed to authorize engaging in transactions under the supervision or jurisdiction of the board other than utilization of workforce related services and programs.

B. Prior to a discussion, vote, or decision on any matter before a board, if recusal by a board member is required by Subsection A of this Section, that member shall disclose the nature and extent of the interest and the relationship. All such disclosures shall be recorded in the minutes of the board meeting.

C. Prior to taking office, board members shall provide to the board a written declaration of all contractual and other business, financial, or other relationships between the board and the board member, any member of his immediate family, or any entity of which the board member or a member of his immediate family is an owner, officer, director, partner, or employee. Such declarations shall be updated within forty

days of any changes in such relationships. The board shall appoint an individual to timely review the disclosure information and advise the board chair and appropriate members of potential conflicts.

Acts 2008, No. 743, §2, eff. July 1, 2008.

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TITLE 24. LEGISLATURE AND LAWS

CHAPTER 1. LEGISLATURE

PART II. MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

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§31.4. Members' office allowance

A. In addition to the salary, per diem, and all other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature, each member of the legislature shall be paid a monthly expense allowance in the amount of one thousand dollars per month, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for payment of rent for office space in a parish or parishes which he represents, and for payment of the cost of maintaining utilities in said office or offices and for other expenses related to the holding or conduct of their office.

B.(1) Any payment under the allowance provided in Subsection A of this Section for office rental shall be used only for payment of rental for office space in a building situated in a parish which the member represents, and in no case shall payment be made for office space which is located in the legislator's residence or in any other property owned wholly or in part by the legislator or a member of his family. Payment under the allowance provided in Subsection A of this Section for cost of utilities and other expenses shall be for reimbursement for cost of electric, water, gas, and telephone service for the legislator's district office and for other office expenses, including but not limited to stationery and other supplies.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a legislator may lease office space for his district office from a lessor from whom he also leases other commercial office space except as otherwise prohibited by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. In such case, the monthly expense allowance provided in Subsection A of this Section and any allowance for office expenses authorized pursuant to the rules of procedure of the house of the legislator may be used for the payment of rent which represents the fair market value for the amount of space exclusively allocated for his district office and for the payment of the prorated cost of maintaining utilities in the office for the amount of space exclusively allocated for his district office. Transactions relative to the district office and for such payment are expressly authorized and shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Section and the rules of procedure of the house of the legislator.

C. The allowance provided in Subsection A of this Section shall be withdrawn from the treasury and paid to the persons entitled thereto in the same manner as is provided by law for the salary provided in R.S. 24:31.1. Each member shall be required to file with the presiding officer, prior to payment of the allowance each month, an itemized statement of expenses, and appropriate invoices or receipts supporting the same. The amount of the allowance paid to each member each month shall be equal to the total amount of the itemized statement, provided that in no case shall the total reimbursement exceed one thousand dollars.

D. However, in the event of a disaster or other emergency which necessitates the temporary relocation of a legislator's district office or in the event a legislator's district office is damaged to an extent that impedes the function of the office, the presiding officer of the house of the legislator may authorize the payment of rent for office space within the state and the reimbursement of other expenses related to the holding or conduct of the legislator's office during the duration of the temporary relocation or district office recovery process, as the case may be. Each such legislator shall be required to file with the presiding officer, prior to payment of such expenses each month, an itemized statement of expenses and appropriate invoices or receipts supporting the same. The total amount of the payment and reimbursement for a legislator's office expenses, including those authorized by this Subsection, shall not exceed the total amount per month for office expenses to which the legislator is otherwise entitled by law and the rules of procedure of his house.

E. The commissioner of administration shall promulgate and implement a procedure whereby, at no cost to a legislator, surplus space in immovable property owned by the state and located within a parish represented in whole or in part by a legislator may be utilized as the legislator's office. The commissioner of administration shall promulgate such procedure by rule in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, and proposed rules relative to such procedure shall be subject to the approval of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee. A legislator seeking to utilize such surplus space as his office shall make a written request for such space to the commissioner. Priority for such space shall be given to legislators in the order in which the requests are received.

Added by Acts 1972, No. 259, §1. Amended by Acts 1975, No. 44, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1975; Acts 1980, No. 89, §1, eff. July 1, 1980; Acts 1982, No. 53, §1; Acts 1992, No. 520, §1, eff. June 26, 1992; Acts 1993, No. 248, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1316, §1, eff. July 1, 1997; Acts 2005, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 16, §1, eff. Nov. 29, 2005; Acts 2008, No. 603, §1, eff. June 30, 2008; Acts 2010, No. 861, §10; Acts 2012, No. 728, §1; Acts 2022, No. 608, §1, eff. July 1, 2022.

NOTE: *Acts 2005, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 16, §2, provides that the Act is to be applied retroactively and prospectively.*

NOTE: *Acts 2008, No. 603, §2, provides that the Act is to be applied retroactively and prospectively.*

§31.5. Legislative assistants for members

A.(1) Each member of the legislature may employ one or more legislative assistants, who shall be employed as unclassified state employees.

(2) The Legislative Budgetary Control Council shall establish and provide for the implementation of a salary schedule for legislative assistants. The Legislative Budgetary Control Council may make adjustments to the salary schedule for legislative assistants as necessary.

(3) Each legislator shall determine the qualification requirements of his legislative assistant or assistants. However, no person who is a member of the family of the legislator may serve as his legislative assistant.

(4)(a) Each legislative assistant shall perform such duties as the legislator may assign and shall be paid a salary fixed by the legislator. The salary for any one legislative assistant shall not exceed the base salary established by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council plus the equivalent of one step for each year of his employment as a legislative assistant.

(b) If a legislator employs more than one legislative assistant, the total salary for all his legislative assistants shall not exceed the base salary established by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council plus the equivalent of one step for each year of employment as a legislative assistant of the legislative assistant receiving the highest salary, or the equivalent of one step for each year of the employing legislator's service as a legislator, at the option of the employing legislator. However, no legislative assistant shall be paid a salary that exceeds the base salary established by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council plus the equivalent of one step for each year of his employment as a legislative assistant.

(c) The Legislative Budgetary Control Council shall also provide a detailed mechanism to factor in other governmental experience into the number of years of experience of a legislative assistant for determining that legislative assistant's salary.

(5) The salary of each legislative assistant shall be paid from the funds of the respective house, withdrawn from the state treasury and deposited in the manner provided in R.S. 24:31.1, and shall be paid to each individual legislative assistant whose employment and salary have been certified by a member to his respective presiding officer. Payment shall be by check signed by the speaker of the House of Representatives as to the salary of legislative assistants to House members and by the president of the Senate as to the salary of legislative assistants to Senate members. Facsimile signatures may be used.

(6) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the use of contractual secretarial services in lieu of one or more legislative assistants who shall be paid in accordance with the salary schedule established by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

B. Each legislator who employs one or more legislative assistants as provided in this Section shall notify the presiding officer of his house in writing as to the name of each such legislative assistant and the salary to be paid. Any change of person or salary shall be reported to the presiding officer of his house within ten days after such change. The respective presiding officer shall hold such reports during the term of office of the legislator involved.

C.(1)(a) If a legislator employs only one legislative assistant, the assistant may participate in the state's group life, health, and hospitalization insurance program and the state employees' retirement system if the assistant receives at least sixty percent of the total compensation available to employ the legislative assistant.

(b) When a legislator employs more than one legislative assistant, the primary legislative assistant may participate in the state's group life, health, and hospitalization insurance program and the state employees' retirement system. "Primary legislative assistant" means the legislative assistant who receives the highest salary and whose salary is at least sixty percent of the total salary that such assistant can be paid.

(c) Any legislative assistant who does not meet the criteria set forth in this Subsection shall not be eligible to participate in these benefits.

(2) All legislative assistants shall be eligible for workers' compensation coverage as state employees immediately upon employment.

Added by Acts 1972, No. 259, §1. Amended by Acts 1975, No. 44, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1975; Acts 1979, No. 408, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1979; Acts 1980, No. 493, §1, eff. July 22, 1980; Acts 1983, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, §6; Acts 1986, No. 946, §1; Acts 1989, No. 9, §1; Acts 1989, No. 806, §1; Acts 1992, No. 520, §1, eff. June 26, 1992; Acts 1997, No. 1344, §1, eff. July 1, 1997; Acts 2008, No. 838, §1, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2010, No. 861, §10.

NOTE: *See Acts 2008, No. 838, §§2 and 4, regarding implementation.*

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CHAPTER 8. LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR; LEGISLATIVE AUDIT ADVISORY COUNCIL

PART I. LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

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§523. Notification of the legislative auditor and district attorney

A. An agency head of an auditee who has actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that there has been a misappropriation of the public funds or assets of his agency shall immediately notify, in writing, the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the agency is domiciled of such misappropriation. "Reasonable cause" shall include information obtained as a result of the filing of a police report, an internal audit finding, or other source indicating such a misappropriation of agency funds or assets has occurred. The district attorney, or other prosecutorial agency, notified of such misappropriation may request audit assistance from the legislative auditor with respect to the misappropriation.

B. For the purposes of this Section the terms "agency head" and "his agency" shall have the same meanings as provided in R.S. 42:1102.

C. When misappropriation is discovered and reported, the attorney general, at the request of the legislative auditor, shall be authorized to recover misappropriated funds from the responsible party by civil suit. Upon a finding of misappropriation, the attorney general shall also seek restitution from the responsible party of those costs incurred by the legislative auditor to audit, investigate, or report an allegation of misappropriation, and all costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the attorney general in the civil suit shall be recoverable from the responsible party.

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D. For the purposes of this Section, "responsible party" means the person or entity actually responsible for the reported misappropriation.

Acts 2001, No. 1101, §1; Acts 2014, No. 692, §1.

TITLE 25. LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES

CHAPTER 5. STATE MUSEUM

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§343. Museum director; appointment; powers and duties

A. The museum director shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of three candidates nominated by a search committee appointed by the board. The lieutenant governor shall make the appointment no later than sixty days after receiving the list of candidates from the search committee. The board shall establish criteria for the position of director that include but are not limited to possession of a master's degree in Museum Science, or a related field, and shall provide clear evidence of successful performance as a skilled professional.

B. The director shall serve as the assistant secretary of the office of the state museum.

C. The salary of the director shall be commensurate with the other assistant secretary positions. The salary may be additionally supplemented beyond the normal amount by the board or Louisiana museum foundations as provided for in the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Acts 1983, No. 687, §4; Acts 1997, No. 318, §1, eff. June 18, 1997; Acts 2008, No. 908, §1; Acts 2015, No. 263, §1, eff. Jan. 12, 2016.

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TITLE 27. LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL LAW

CHAPTER 2. LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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§12. Certain financial interests prohibited; oaths

A.(1) Neither a board member or board employee nor any member of the immediate family of any board member or board employee shall have a pecuniary interest in any business or organization which holds a gaming license, contract, or permit issued by the board or entered into by the board or which is under the board's regulation or which is doing business with any person or organization holding such a license, contract, or permit or in any holding, intermediary, or subsidiary company of any such person or organization.

(2) As used in this Section, "pecuniary interest" does not include a vested retirement or other employment termination benefit the amount and payment of which is guaranteed and totally unrelated to the profit made by the business or organization. Such a benefit may not include any stock or ownership transfers or profit-sharing devices.

B. Each member of the board, except the ex officio members, shall file with the Board of Ethics prior to the time of confirmation, and annually thereafter, a financial disclosure statement listing all assets and liabilities, property and business interests, and sources of income of the member, the spouse of the member, and each minor child of the member. Such financial disclosure shall be completed on a form designed by the ethics board and shall include a sworn affidavit as to its accuracy.

C. Before entering upon the duties of his office, each board member and employee shall subscribe to the constitutional oath of office and, in addition, swear that neither he nor, to his knowledge, any member of his immediate family has a prohibited pecuniary interest in any business or organization. The oath of office shall be filed with the office of the secretary of state.

Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 7, §1, eff. May 1, 1996.

§13. Standards of conduct

A. Each board member shall serve in a fiduciary capacity and shall perform his duties and make decisions in the best interest of the state.

B. The Code of Governmental Ethics is applicable to the board as more specifically provided therein.

C. The provisions of this Subsection shall apply to the board and its employees in addition to the Code of Governmental Ethics. The board shall adopt rules to implement this Subsection. The board shall adopt rules as additional ethical rules for members and employees which shall include at a minimum the following:

(1) No board member or employee shall engage in gaming activities in any establishment under the jurisdiction of the board, except as required in the course of his duties.

(2) No board member or employee shall solicit or accept employment from a casino operator or from any licensee or permittee of the board, or any holding, intermediary, or subsidiary company of an operator, a licensee, or a permittee, for a period of five years after termination of service on the board or employment by the board.

(3) No immediate family member of a board member shall be employed by the casino operator, a licensee, or a permittee under this Title, or any holding, intermediary, or subsidiary company of an operator, a licensee, or a permittee.

(4) No board member or board employee nor a member of the immediate family of any board member or employee shall acquire a future direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the gaming casino operator or any

other gaming licensee or permittee, or a holding, intermediary, or subsidiary company of an operator, a licensee, or a permittee, during the term of office or employment of the member or employee.

(5) No board member or board employee shall attempt to affect the result of an election or a nomination for an office; directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command, or advise a person to pay, lend, or contribute any thing of value to a political party, a committee, an organization, an agency, or a person for political purposes; or take part in a political campaign or the management of a political campaign.

(6) No member or board employee nor a member of the immediate family of a board member or board employee shall make a contribution or loan to, or expenditure on behalf of, a candidate or committee. No member or board employee or member of the immediate family of a board member or board employee shall receive, directly or indirectly, any contribution or loan from a casino gaming operator or any other licensee or permittee.

(7)(a) No board member or board employee shall represent the interests of any individual or entity, other than the board's interests, before the board for a period of five years following the date of termination of the person's term or employment with the board.

(b) A consultant or person under contract for services to the board may not represent the interests of any individual or entity, other than the board's interests, before the board nor may such consultant or person under contract for services act as a consultant to or for or have a contract for services with the casino operator or any other licensee or permittee, or any holding, intermediary, or subsidiary company of an operator, licensee, or permittee, during the term of any agreement with the board.

(8) No board member or board employee during service on or employment by the board or thereafter shall reveal information which is confidential, as provided in R.S. 27:21, except as is permitted in that Section.

(9)(a) Violations by a board member or any immediate family member of a board member of any ethical rule adopted by the board or provided by law shall be cause for removal of the board member.

(b) Violations by a board employee of any ethical rule adopted by the board or provided by law may be sanctioned by the board by suspension, demotion, or termination from employment, or some lesser sanction as determined appropriate by the board after receiving a report from a board hearing officer, if a hearing is requested by the employee, subject to applicable civil service laws and regulations.

(c) Violations of any ethical rule provided in this Section after termination of board service or employment shall be punishable by the imposition of a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars, as determined by a hearing officer pursuant to R.S. 27:25(D).

Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 7, §1, eff. May 1, 1996; Acts 1997, No. 657, §1.

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CHAPTER 4. THE LOUISIANA RIVERBOAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING CONTROL ACT

PART IV. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

§63. Standards of conduct

A. Each member of the commission and the supervisor shall file with the Board of Ethics at the time of appointment and annually thereafter, a financial disclosure statement listing all assets and liabilities, property and business interests, and sources of income of the member or supervisor, the spouse of the member or supervisor, and minor children of the member or supervisor.

B. Each employee of the commission, except secretarial and clerical personnel, and each employee or agent of the division, except secretarial and clerical personnel, shall file with the Board of Ethics, at the time of appointment and annually thereafter, an affidavit affirming that the employee or agent and the spouse of the employee or agent does not have an interest in an applicant licensee or permittee.

C.(1) The members of the commission, the supervisor, and all employees of the commission and the division shall be subject to the Code of Governmental Ethics. In addition, the commission shall adopt a code of ethics for officers and employees.

(2) The division shall adopt a code of ethics concerning the division's specific needs.

(3) Ethics codes adopted by the commission and the division shall include but not be limited to the following:

(a) A commission member, employee or agent, the supervisor, or a division employee or agent shall not be permitted to engage in gaming activities in an establishment licensed by the division, except in the course of the person's duties.

(b) A commission member, employee or agent, the supervisor, or a division employee or agent shall not solicit or accept employment from a licensee or permittee for a period of two years after termination of service with the commission or the division.

(c) A commission member, employee or agent, the supervisor, or a division employee or agent shall not act in an official capacity in a matter concerning a licensee or a permittee who is the employer of a spouse, child, parent, or sibling, when such action might reasonably be expected to impair the objectivity of the person.

(d) A spouse, child, parent, or sibling of a commission member shall not be employed by a licensee under this Chapter, or a holding, intermediary, or subsidiary company of a licensee.

(e) A commission member, employee or agent, the supervisor, or a division employee or agent shall not have a direct or indirect interest in a licensee or permittee during the term of office or employment of the member, employee, supervisor, or agent.

(f) A commission member, employee or agent, the supervisor, or a division employee or agent shall not use the person's official authority for the purpose of affecting the result of an election or nomination for office; directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command, or advise a person to pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a party, a committee, an organization, an agency, or a person for political purposes; or take part in a political campaign or the management of a political campaign.

(4) The following persons shall not pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a political candidate, political organization, political party, or political action committee: a member of the commission, the supervisor, or a spouse or minor child of a commission member or the supervisor.

(5)(a) Except as provided in Subparagraph (e) of this Paragraph, a member of the commission shall not acquire a direct or indirect interest in or be employed by a licensee for a period of two years following the date the member's term expires.

(b) Except as provided in Subparagraph (e) of this Paragraph, an employee or agent of the commission, the supervisor, or an employee or agent of the division shall not acquire a direct or an indirect interest in, or be employed by a licensee for a period of two years following the termination of the person's employment with the commission or the division.

(c) A commission member, the supervisor, or a person employed by the commission or the division shall not represent a party other than the state before or against the commission for a period of two years following the termination of the person's term or employment with the commission or the division.

(d) A consultant or person under contract for services to the commission or division may not represent a person other than the division or commission before the division or commission.

(e) However, a former commission member, former commission employee or agent, former supervisor, or former division employee or agent is not prohibited, following termination of the person's membership or employment, from acquiring an interest in or soliciting or obtaining employment with a person involved in a riverboat service industry which is not a licensee or permittee.

(6) A licensee or permittee shall not provide, transfer or sell, or offer to provide, transfer or sell, an interest in a licensee or permittee to a person restricted from the transaction by this Chapter.

D. The Board of Ethics shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Section and the regulations, rules, and orders issued with respect to members and employees subject to the provisions of this Section. The procedures and penalties provided for in the Code of Governmental Ethics shall apply to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Section.

Acts 1991, No. 753, §1, eff. July 18, 1991; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 64, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1997. Redesignated from R.S. 4:523 by Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 7, §3, eff. May 1, 1996.

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PART XI. PROHIBITED ACTS AND GAMING OFFENSES

§96. Contracts prohibited; gaming operator; public officials; penalties

A.(1) No elected public official as defined in R.S. 42:1 shall engage in any business activity with a licensee except as a patron, or as a performing professional musician.

(2)(a)(i) An elected public official as defined in R.S. 42:1 who is a member of a governing authority of a parish who was elected to his initial term in 2004, may engage in any business activity with any licensee if he is a non-key gaming employee as defined by R.S. 27:3, and his employment with a licensee commenced at least four years prior to holding elective public office.

(ii) If the employment of an elected public official to whom the provisions of Item (i) of this Subparagraph are applicable is terminated, nothing in this Subsection shall prohibit the elected public official from being subsequently employed by a licensee as a non-key gaming employee as defined in R.S. 27:3 or as an employee whose duties do not involve access to a designated gaming area of the licensee.

(b) An elected public official as defined in R.S. 42:1 who is a member of a school board who took his oath of office for his initial term in 2004, may engage in any business activity with a licensee if he is a non-key gaming employee as defined by R.S. 27:3, if such employment commenced at least two years prior to August 1, 2004.

(3) If the official is a performing professional musician, the official shall give notice to the Board of Ethics and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board not later than five days prior to any performance. If the official is also subject to the Judicial Canons of Ethics, then he must also provide such notice to the judicial administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court. Such notice shall include but not be limited to the following information: the date, time and location of the performance; the amount of compensation the official has contracted to receive for the performance; and the identity of the person or entity providing compensation to the official. A copy of the contract shall also be attached to such notice. Cash compensation to the official for the performance is prohibited by this Section. The Board of Ethics may promulgate rules to provide for additional information to be included in such notice.

(4)(a) If the person has been a non-key gaming employee of a licensee for a period of four years or more prior to holding such public office, the person shall give notice to the Board of Ethics, the Louisiana Secretary of State Elections Division, and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board not later than five days after

qualifying for elective public office. Such notice shall include but not be limited to the following information: the nature, duration, and compensation for said employment; the identity of the licensee for whom the person is employed; a copy of the employment contract if the employment is subject to a written contract, and if not written, a description of the terms of employment between the licensee and the employee. The public official has a duty to supplement responses upon any changes in the information contained in the original notice within thirty days of said change. The Board of Ethics may promulgate rules to provide for additional information to be included in such notice.

(b) In the event a non-key employee who is also an elected official becomes a key employee, as defined by R.S. 27:3, such employee shall resign such elective office within thirty days of becoming a key employee. Provided however, no person who lobbies for a licensee can run for elective public office.

B. As used in this Section, business activity shall specifically include but is not limited to contracts:

(1) For the sale or purchase of goods, merchandise, and services.

(2) To provide or receive legal services, advertising, public relations, or any other business or personal service.

(3) For the listing, purchase or sale of immovable property or options or real rights relating thereto.

(4) Modifying ownership or possessory interests in stocks, bonds, securities, or any financial instruments.

C. The Board of Ethics shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Section. The procedures and penalties provided for in the Code of Governmental Ethics shall apply to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Section.

Acts 1991, No. 753, §1, eff. July 18, 1991. Redesignated from R.S. 4:555 by Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 7, §3, eff. May 1, 1996. Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 64, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1997; Acts 2001, No. 1220, §1; Acts 2004, No. 725, §1, eff. August 1, 2004; Acts 2015, No. 258, §1, eff. June 29, 2015.

NOTE: *Sec. 2 of No. 258 of the 2015 R.S. provides for prospective and retroactive application of the Act.*

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CHAPTER 5. THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION LAW

PART IV. OPERATIONS OF CORPORATION IN GENERAL

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§226. Standards of conduct

A. Each member of the board shall file with the Board of Ethics at the time of appointment, and annually thereafter, a financial disclosure statement listing all assets and liabilities, property and business interests, and sources of income of the member, the spouse of the member, and minor children of the member.

B. Each employee of the corporation, except secretarial and clerical personnel, shall file with the Board of Ethics, at the time of appointment or employment and annually thereafter, an affidavit affirming that the employee and the spouse of the employee do not have an economic interest in an applicant, licensee, or permittee.

C.(1) The members of the board and all corporation employees shall be subject to the Code of Governmental Ethics as provided in R.S. 27:211(D). In addition, the board shall adopt a code of ethics for officers and employees.

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(2) The board shall adopt a code of ethics concerning the corporation's specific needs.

(3) Ethics codes adopted by the board shall include but not be limited to the following:

(a) A member or employee or agent of the corporation shall not be permitted to engage in gaming activities in an establishment licensed by the corporation, except in the course of the person's duties.

(b) A member or employee shall not solicit or accept employment from the casino operator, a licensee, or permittee for a period of two years after termination of service with the corporation.

(c) A member or employee shall not act in an official capacity in a matter concerning a licensee or a permittee who is the employer of a spouse, child, parent, or sibling, when such action might reasonably be expected to impair the objectivity of the person.

(d) A spouse, child, parent, or sibling of a member shall not be employed by the casino operator, a licensee under this Chapter, or a holding, intermediary, or subsidiary company of a licensee.

(e) A member or employee shall not have a direct or indirect interest in the gaming contractor, a licensee, or permittee, during the term of office or employment of the member or employee.

(f) A member or employee shall not use the person's official authority for the purpose of affecting the result of an election or nomination for office; directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command, or advise a person to pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a party, a committee, an organization, an agency, or a person for political purposes; or take part in a political campaign or the management of a political campaign.

(4) The following persons shall not pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a political candidate, political organization, political party, or political action committee, the president, a member of the board, or a spouse or minor child of the president or a member.

(5)(a) Except as provided in Subparagraph (e) of this Paragraph, a member of the board shall not acquire a direct or indirect economic interest in or be employed by a casino gaming contractor for a period of two years following the date the member's term expires.

(b) Except as provided in Subparagraph (e) of this Paragraph, an employee of the corporation shall not acquire a direct or an indirect economic interest in or be employed by a casino gaming contractor for a period of two years following the termination of the person's employment with the corporation.

(c) A member or a person employed by the corporation shall not represent a party other than the corporation before or against the corporation for a period of two years following the termination of the person's term or employment with the corporation.

(d) A consultant or person under contract for services to the corporation may not represent a person other than the corporation before the corporation.

(e) A former board member or employee is not prohibited, following termination of the person's membership or employment, from acquiring an interest in, or soliciting or obtaining employment with a person involved in, a gaming operations service industry which is not a licensee or permittee.

(6) A licensee or permittee shall not provide, transfer, or sell, or offer to provide, transfer, or sell, an interest in a license or permit to a person restricted from the transaction by this Chapter.

D. The Board of Ethics shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Section and the regulations, rules, and orders issued with respect to members and employees subject to the provisions of this Section. The procedures and penalties provided for in the Code of Governmental Ethics shall apply to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Section.

Acts 1992, No. 384, §1, eff. June 18, 1992; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 14, §1, eff. May 6, 1996; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 64, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1997. Redesignated from R.S. 4:626 by Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 7, §3, eff. May 1, 1996.

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PART IX. PROHIBITIONS, EXCLUSIONS, AND GAMING OFFENSES

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§261. Prohibited contacts with official gaming establishment and casino operator; public officers; penalties

A. No public officer as defined in R.S. 42:1 shall engage in any business activity with a casino gaming operator except as a patron or as a performing professional musician in the official gaming establishment or other premises where authorized gaming activities are conducted. If the official is a performing professional musician, the official shall give notice to the Board of Ethics and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board not later than five days prior to any performance. If the official is also subject to the Judicial Canons of Ethics, then he must also provide such notice to the judicial administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court. Such notice shall include but not be limited to the following information: the date, time and location of the performance; the amount of compensation the official has contracted to receive for the performance; and the identity of the person or entity providing compensation to the official. A copy of the contract shall also be attached to such notice. Cash compensation to the official for the performance is prohibited by this Section. The Board of Ethics may promulgate rules to provide for additional information to be included in such notice.

B. As used in this Section, business activity shall specifically include but not be limited to contracts:

(1) For the sale or purchase of goods, merchandise, and services.

(2) To provide or receive legal services, advertising, public relations, or any other business or personal service.

(3) For the listing, purchasing, or selling of immovable property or options or real rights relating thereto.

(4) Modifying ownership or possessory interests in stocks, bonds, securities, or any financial instrument.

C. The Board of Ethics shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Section. The procedures and penalties provided for in the Code of Governmental Ethics shall apply to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Section. In addition, the corporation may institute an action in the district court to enjoin violations of Subsection A of this Section and hold the public officer liable for all costs of instituting and maintaining the action, specifically including attorney fees and costs of court.

D. No entity that holds a casino operating contract under the provisions of this Chapter shall be eligible to make campaign contributions to any person seeking election or reelection to a public office as defined in R.S. 42:1.

Acts 1992, No. 384, §1, eff. June 18, 1992; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 64, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1997. Redesignated from R.S. 4:661 by Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 7, §3, eff. May 1, 1996; Acts 2001, No. 1220, §1.

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CHAPTER 6. FANTASY SPORTS ACT

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§316. Taxation

A. There is hereby levied a tax of eight percent upon the net revenues of fantasy sports contests offered to consumers within this state, which shall be due and payable monthly.

B. The division shall collect all taxes imposed or assessed under the provisions of this Chapter. All taxes collected by the division shall be forwarded upon receipt to the state treasurer for immediate deposit into the state treasury. Funds so deposited shall be first credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund in accordance with Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana. After complying with the provisions of the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, the state treasurer shall deposit the proceeds of the tax into the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund as established in R.S. 17:407.30.

Acts 2020, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 34, §1, eff. July 13, 2020.

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CHAPTER 7. PARI-MUTUEL LIVE RACING FACILITY ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT AND GAMING CONTROL ACT

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§373. Prohibited relationships

A.(1) In addition to any prohibition found in Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, no person employed by or performing any function on behalf of the board or the division may:

(a) Be an officer, director, owner, or employee of any person or entity licensed by the board.

(b) Have or hold any interest, direct or indirect, in or engage in any commerce or business relationship with any entity licensed by the board.

(2)(a) No elected public official as defined in R.S. 42:1 shall engage in any business activity with a licensee except as a patron.

(b) As used in this Paragraph, business activity shall specifically include but is not limited to contracts:

(i) For the sale or purchase of goods, merchandise, and services.

(ii) To provide or receive legal services, advertising, public relations, or any other business or personal service.

(iii) For the listing, purchase, or sale of immovable property or options or real rights relating thereto.

(iv) Modifying ownership or possessory interests in stocks, bonds, securities, or any financial instruments.

(3) The Board of Ethics shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Subsection. The procedures provided for in the Code of Governmental Ethics shall apply to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Subsection.

B. No person licensed by the board as a manufacturer, distributor, or slot machine owner may participate in the operation of any computer program, software, or device which is used for the polling or reading of slot machine operations or for the remote shutdown of those operations as provided for in R.S. 27:365(2).

Acts 1997, No. 721, §1, eff. July 9, 1997.

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CHAPTER 8. VIDEO DRAW POKER DEVICES CONTROL LAW

PART VII. CRIMES AND PROHIBITED CONDUCT

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§442. Prohibited relationships; division employees; licensees

A.(1) In addition to any prohibition found in Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, no person employed by or performing any function on behalf of the division may:

- (a) Be an officer, director, owner, or employee of any person or entity licensed by the division; or
- (b) Have or hold any interest, direct or indirect, in or engage in any commerce or business relationship with any entity licensed by the division.

(2) The Board of Ethics shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Subsection. The procedures and penalties provided for in the Code of Governmental Ethics shall apply to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Subsection.

B. No person licensed by the division as a manufacturer, distributor, or device owner may participate in the operation of any computer program, software, or device which is used for the polling or reading of video draw poker device operations or for the remote shutdown of those operations as provided for in R.S. 27:405.

Acts 1991, No. 1062, §1, eff. July 30, 1991; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 64, §4, eff. Jan. 1, 1997. Redesignated from R.S. 33:4862.16 by Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 7, §3, eff. May 1, 1996; Acts 2012, No. 161, §4.

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TITLE 33. MUNICIPALITIES AND PARISHES
CHAPTER 1. CREATION, ORGANIZATION, ALTERATION,
AND DISSOLUTION

PART IV. PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PARISHES
AND MUNICIPALITIES

SUBPART A. PLANNING COMMISSIONS

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§101.1. Subdivision approval a legislative function

Except as otherwise provided in this Subpart, the act of approving or disapproving a subdivision plat is hereby declared a legislative function involving the exercise of legislative discretion by the planning commission, based upon data presented to it; provided that any subdivision ordinance enacted by the governing authority of a parish or municipality or the acts of the planning commission, or planning administrator shall be subject to judicial review on the grounds of abuse of discretion, unreasonable exercise of police powers, an excessive use of the power herein granted, or denial of the right of due process. The right of judicial review of a subdivision ordinance shall not be limited by the foregoing, however, nothing contained in this Subpart or in any subdivision ordinance adopted by a parish or municipality shall be construed as imposing upon such parish or municipality a duty, special or otherwise, to or for the benefit of any individual person or group of persons.

Acts 1990, No. 699, §1, eff. July 20, 1990.

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SUBPART B. PARISH DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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SUBPART B-17. ST. TAMMANY PARISH DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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§130.402. Board of commissioners; members; officers; employees

A.(1) The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of eleven members selected as provided for in this Section. All members shall be qualified voters and taxpayers within the limits of the district during their term of office. On and after January 1, 2018, members of the board of commissioners shall be nominated by the board of commissioners and submitted to the council of St. Tammany Parish for approval. Commissioners shall serve three-year terms of office, except in the case of any shorter initial terms. Initial terms shall be staggered for the periods indicated as follows:

- (a) Four members shall serve three-year initial terms.
- (b) Four members shall serve two-year initial terms.
- (c) Three members shall serve one-year initial terms.

(2)(a) The nominating committee of the board of commissioners shall consist of the board president and vice president, the district executive director, the president of St. Tammany Parish, and a member of a regional board or commission selected by the president of St. Tammany Parish. The nominating committee

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shall submit its slate of nominees to the board of commissioners for approval. Once a slate of nominees is approved by the board, it shall be forwarded to the council of St. Tammany Parish.

(b) The initial slate of nominees shall be nominated by the members of the nominating committee and board of commissioners on or before December 31, 2017. For continuity, both the initial nominations and initial approved nominees shall include at least two members of the board of commissioners as of December 31, 2017.

(c) The council of St. Tammany Parish may approve or disapprove any nominee. The board of commissioners shall submit new nominees for any individual nominees that are not approved.

(d) Any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of the term for which a member of the board of commissioners has been appointed shall be filled pursuant to the same nomination and approval process set forth in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

B. The members of the board of commissioners shall not receive per diem or be paid a salary for serving on the board. No members of the board of commissioners shall be appointed to serve for more than two successive three-year terms.

C. Members of the board, individually, and members of their immediate family are prohibited from bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the district.

D. Elected officials are prohibited from serving on the board of commissioners.

E. The board of commissioners shall elect from among its own members a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices. At the option of the board of commissioners, the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by one person.

F. The board of commissioners shall meet in regular session every month and shall also meet in special session as often as the president of the board convenes them or on the written request of four members. Six members of the board of commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

G. The board of commissioners shall prescribe rules to govern its meetings. The board of commissioners may contract with or employ attorneys, clerks, engineers, deputy commissioners, an executive director, and other agents and employees and shall fix their compensation and terms of employment.

H. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 42:1111, 1112, 1113, and 1120.4, a member of the board of commissioners who is appointed or who serves pursuant to Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section who is an officer, director, trustee, or employee of the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation may serve on the board of commissioners and may participate and vote on matters involving the district and the foundation as authorized by R.S. 33:130.403(22).

Acts 1992, No. 995, §1; Acts 2003, No. 835, §1, eff. July 1, 2003; Acts 2012, No. 336, §1; Acts 2014, No. 611, §1, eff. June 12, 2014; Acts 2017, No. 242, See Act.

NOTE: *See Acts 2014, No. 611, §2 regarding retroactive effect of Subsection D as amended by the Act and Subsection H as enacted by the Act.*

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§130.409. General compliances; enhancement

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided by R.S. 33:130.402(H) and Subsection D of this Section, no provision of this Subpart shall be construed so as to exempt the district from compliance with the provisions of Louisiana laws pertaining to open meetings, public records, fiscal agents, official journals, dual officeholding and employment, public bidding for the purchase of supplies and materials and construction of public works, the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Right to Property in Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Election Code.

B. The district shall have the power and right to adopt a program or programs awarding contracts to, and establishing set-aside goals and preference procedures for the benefit of, businesses owned and operated by socially or economically disadvantaged persons in accordance with any of the provisions of R.S. 38:2233 and of Chapter 19 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, entitled "Louisiana Minority Business Enterprise Act".

C. The financial records of the district shall be subjected to audit pursuant to R.S. 24:513.

D. Records in the custody of the district pertaining to an active negotiation with a person for the purpose of retaining, expanding, or attracting economic or business development in St. Tammany Parish shall be confidential on the same basis as such records in the custody of the Department of Economic Development as set forth in R.S. 44:22, with the district's executive director performing the duties and obligations of the secretary of the Department of Economic Development and with any notice required therein being published in the official journal of St. Tammany Parish rather than the official journal of the state.

Acts 1992, No. 995, §1; Acts 2014, No. 611, §1, eff. June 12, 2014; Acts 2017, No. 242, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2018.

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CHAPTER 2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PART I. MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

SUBPART D. SELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

§381. Municipal officers

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B. The mayor and chief of police in all municipalities shall be elected at large. The clerk or chief of police may be a tax collector or assessor, if the board of aldermen so decides. Municipalities where the chief of police is appointed rather than elected as of August 1, 1970, may continue to operate with an appointive chief.

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Acts 1970, No. 165, §1. Amended by Acts 1970, No. 594, §1; Acts 1975, No. 790, §1; Acts 1977, No. 110, §1; Acts 1980, No. 556, §1; Acts 1980, No. 583, §1; Acts 1980, No. 584, §1; Acts 1981, No. 161, §1; Acts 1982, No. 860, §1; Acts 1985, No. 55, §1, eff. June 18, 1985; Acts 1986, No. 322, §1, eff. June 30, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 1072, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1987; Acts 1988, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 27, 1988; Acts 1989, No. 571, §1, eff. July 5, 1989; Acts 1991, No. 712, §1, eff. July 18, 1991; Acts 1991, No. 722, §1, eff. July 31, 1991; Acts 1992, No. 76, §1, eff. June 5, 1992; Acts 1992, No. 412, §1, eff. June 19, 1992; Acts 1992, No. 676, §1; Acts 1992, No. 677, §1; Acts 1992, No. 739, §1; Acts 1994, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 80, §1; Acts 1995, No. 500, §1; Acts 1997, No. 387, §1, eff. June 20, 1997; Acts 1997, No. 454, §1, eff. July 1, 1997; Acts 1997, No. 836, §1, eff. July 10, 1997; Acts 1997, No. 1044, §2; Acts 1998, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. April 24, 1998; Acts 1999, No. 96, §1, eff. June 9, 1999; Acts 1999, No. 114, §1, eff. June 9, 1999; Acts 1999, No. 131, §1, eff. June 9, 1999; Acts 1999, No. 136, §1, eff. June 9, 1999; Acts 1999, No. 194, §1, eff. June 9, 1999; Acts 1999, No. 1106, §2; Acts 2000, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 111, §1, eff. April 19, 2000; Acts 2000, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 14, §1, eff. July 5, 2000; Acts 2001, No. 82, §1; Acts 2001, No. 311, §1; Acts 2001, No. 376, §1, eff. June 13, 2001; Acts 2001, No. 854, §1; Acts 2001, No. 984, §1, eff. June 27, 2001; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 39, §1, eff. April 18, 2002; Acts 2003, No. 468, §1; Acts 2006, No. 134, §1; Acts 2007, No. 211, §1, eff. July 2, 2007; Acts 2009, No. 405, §1, eff. July 7, 2009; Acts 2010, No. 474, §1, eff. June 22, 2010; Acts 2011, No. 41, §1; Acts 2013, No. 134, §1; Acts 2014, No. 605, §1, eff.

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June 12, 2014; Acts 2017, No. 202, §1, eff. June 14, 2017; Acts 2023, No. 222, §1, eff. June 8, 2023; Acts 2023, No. 348, §1; Acts 2024, No. 66, §1.

NOTE: See Acts 1986, No. 322, §3, regarding termination of Act affecting Napoleonville.

NOTE: See Acts 2000, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 111, §2, relative to severability of provisions.

NOTE: See Acts 2009, No. 405, §2, relative to retroactive effect of Paragraph (C)(29).

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§385. Qualifications of alderman; vacancies; office holding; contracting

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C. No member of the board of aldermen shall hold any other office or employment under the municipal government while he is a member of the board, except as is provided for in R.S. 33:381 and R.S. 33:386. No member of the board of aldermen, or any other officer of the corporation, shall be directly or indirectly interested in any work, business, or contract the consideration of which is to be paid from the treasury of the municipality, nor be surety for any person having a contract, work, or business with the municipality, for the performance of which security may be required, nor be surety for any officer or employee, except that the aldermen of the town of Erath shall be permitted to enter into contracts with said town for services or supplies where such services or supplies are available only by aldermen and there has been public notice of such and full compliance with the public bid law.

Amended by Acts 1979, No. 550, §1. Acts 1985, No. 890, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.

NOTE: See Acts 1985, No. 890, §3.

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PART V. POLICE JURY

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§1236.1. Power to employ parish manager and assistant parish manager

The police juries shall have the power and authority to employ a parish manager and an assistant parish manager and to fix their salaries for a term not to exceed that of the police jury, who shall be registered voters in the parish.

Added by Acts 1960, No. 225, §1. Amended by Acts 1974, No. 218, §1; Acts 2006, No. 85, §1, eff. May 25, 2006.

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CHAPTER 5. CIVIL SERVICE

PART I-A. CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM AND PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION IN RAPIDES PARISH

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§2452. Civil service department

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C.(1) The civil service board shall be appointed or elected as provided under the provisions of this Subsection and shall consist of five electors of Rapides Parish, who hold no other public office or position in parish government except for the elected employee member, and who have resided within the parish for at least one year. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

(a) The first members shall be appointed for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively. The members shall select their terms by lot, except the employee member shall serve the five-year term. Thereafter, appointment shall be for three-year terms, except the employee member shall serve a five-year term.

(b) One member shall be appointed by the police jury from a list of three names submitted by the chancellor of Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

(c) One member shall be appointed by the police jury from a list of three names submitted by the president of Louisiana College.

(d) One member shall be appointed by the police jury from a list of three names submitted by the president of Grambling State University.

(e) One member shall be appointed by the police jury from a list of three names submitted by the Alexandria Bar Association.

(f) One member shall be elected by the Rapides Parish employees covered under this Part, as required by law.

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Acts 1993, No. 387, §1, eff. June 7, 1993.

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**PART II. FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE LAW FOR MUNICIPALITIES
BETWEEN 13,000 AND 250,000**

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§2476. Municipal fire and police civil service boards

A. A municipal fire and police civil service board is created in the municipal government. The board shall be composed of five members who shall serve without compensation. The board shall have a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary. The domicile of the board shall be in the municipality it serves.

B.(1)(a) To be eligible for appointment or to serve as a member of a board, a person shall be a citizen of the United States of America, a resident of the municipality in which he is to serve for at least five years next preceding his appointment, and, at the time of his appointment, shall be a qualified voter of the municipality.

(b) However, with respect to the two members elected from the municipal fire and the municipal police departments, such members shall be residents of the parish in which the municipality they are to serve is located for a period of at least five years preceding their appointment upon adoption of resolution so permitting residence location by the local governing authority.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph, the two members elected from the municipal fire and the municipal police departments shall not be required to be residents or qualified voters of the municipality in which they are appointed to serve or residents of the parish in which the municipality is located provided that such exceptions are approved by resolution of the local governing authority.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, only one member shall be elected from the city of New Iberia municipal fire and police civil service system in accordance with

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Paragraph (C)(4) of this Section, provided that such exception is approved by resolution of the city of New Iberia governing authority.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the city of Baton Rouge, the three members appointed pursuant to Paragraph (C)(2) of this Section shall be residents of the city of Baton Rouge, the unincorporated area of EastBaton Rouge Parish, or a combination thereof for at least five years next preceding their appointment, and, at the time of their appointment, shall be qualified voters of East Baton Rouge Parish.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the city of Zachary, the member appointed pursuant to Subparagraph (C)(2)(a) of this Section shall have been a resident of the city of Zachary, the unincorporated area of East Baton Rouge Parish, or a combination thereof, for at least five years next preceding his appointment, and, at the time of his appointment, shall be a qualified voter of East Baton Rouge Parish.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the governing body of the respective municipality shall conduct a background check on any person who is under consideration for appointment to the board. No person is eligible for appointment or may serve as a member of the board if his background check reveals that either of the following has occurred in the ten years immediately preceding his appointment:

(i) He has been convicted of a felony.

(ii) He has committed a civil rights violation, as determined by a legally binding agreement or finding.

(2)(a) Any employee, while serving as a member of a board, shall occupy, as a regular employee, a position or office lower than that of chief, assistant chief, district chief, or battalion chief in the fire service; or a position or office lower than that of chief, assistant chief, or major in the police service.

(b) No member of a board shall have been during a period of six months immediately preceding his appointment a member of any local, state, or national committee of a political party or an officer or member of a committee in any factional political club or organization.

(c)(i) No member of a board shall be a candidate for nomination or election to any public office or hold any other public office or position of public employment, except that of notary public, a military or naval official office, or that of a municipal fire or police department which is expressly required by the provisions of this Part.

(ii) However, a member of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board of the city of Houma may hold a position of public employment if said position of public employment is not with the city of Houma.

C.(1)(a) The first five members of a board shall be appointed by the governing body of the municipality during the ninety-day period immediately following the date that this Part takes effect in a municipality under R.S. 33:2471.

(b) If the governing body fails to appoint the members as required in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph and the state examiner has given written notification to the governing body of its failure to appoint such members, then the governing board shall make the appointments within ninety days following such notification.

(c) If the governing body fails to make appointments as required in Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph, then the state examiner shall seek a writ of mandamus which shall lie to the court of original and unlimited jurisdiction in the parish in which the office of state examiner is domiciled.

(2) The members of the board shall be appointed by the governing body as follows:

(a) One shall be appointed by the governing body upon its own nomination.

(b)(i) Two members shall be appointed from a list of four nominees that shall be furnished, within sixty days after the governing authority makes a request by certified letter for such list, by the executive head of a legally chartered and established four-year institution of higher education located within the municipality; or, if there is no such institution in the municipality, by the executive head of such an institution which is within the state and which is the most geographically proximate to the municipality. However, if only two such four-year institutions of higher education are located within the municipality, the head of each of the two institutions shall furnish a list of two nominees and one member shall be appointed from each such list.

(ii) If a list of nominations is not submitted within sixty days after submission of request for such list, such failure shall be considered a failure to perform a ministerial duty required by law of a public official or corporate officer. To this end, the district attorney for the parish in which the institution is located shall provoke the issuance of a writ of mandamus to compel the official or officer to act as provided by law.

(3)(a) Two members shall be appointed who shall be first nominated and elected by and from the regular employees of the fire and police departments as follows:

(i) One member shall be elected and appointed from the fire department.

(ii) One member shall be elected and appointed from the police department.

(b)(i) The employee-nominee from each department shall be elected by secret ballot of the regular employees of his respective department at an election to be called and held for that purpose by the chief of the department.

(ii) If, after the close of nominations for the employee member for the respective department, the name of only one regular employee has been placed in nomination, that nominee shall be declared elected.

(iii) If more than one name is placed in nomination, the chief shall call an election within forty-five days after this Part takes effect in the municipality by posting, for a fifteen-day continuous period immediately preceding the election, a notice thereof on the bulletin board of each station house of his department. The chief shall officially notify the governing body of the municipality within the ten-day period immediately following the election, the name of the employee-nominee so elected by the regular employees of his department. The chief of the department shall vote in the election only in the case of a tied vote.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Subsection, if R.S. 33:2495.2 becomes applicable, only one member shall be elected from the city of New Iberia municipal fire and police civil service system and one member shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of New Iberia upon his own nomination, provided that such exception is approved by resolution of the city of New Iberia governing authority.

D. The term of office for all members of the board shall be for a period of three years, except that the first member appointed by the governing body of a municipality upon its own nomination shall serve for a period of two years; the first employee members nominated and appointed as provided above shall serve a term of one year. Each member shall serve until his successor has been appointed and qualified.

E. Upon the term of office expiring for a member of a board, or because of a vacancy in the office of any member thereof, the governing body of the municipality shall appoint a successor in the same manner as the outgoing member was appointed; and such successive appointment shall be made within ninety days immediately following the expiration or vacancy.

F. Each member shall take the oath of office before entering upon the duties of his office. His oath shall include a statement to uphold the constitution and laws of Louisiana and of the United States; to administer faithfully and impartially the provisions of this Part and the rules adopted under the authority of this Part.

G. Members of such a board serving under Act 102 of 1944, as amended at the time the Revised Statutes take effect shall continue in office until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed.

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H. Any member of a board shall be liable to removal from office by judgment of the court of original and unlimited jurisdiction in civil suits of the parish wherein the board is domiciled for high crimes and misdemeanors in office, incompetency, corruption, favoritism, extortion, oppression in office, gross misconduct, or habitual drunkenness. The district attorney of the district wherein the board is domiciled shall institute such suit upon the written request, specifying the charges, of twenty-five citizens and taxpayers of the municipality. The district attorney shall associate in the diligent prosecution of such suit any attorney selected and employed by the citizens and taxpayers.

I. The governing body of the municipality shall advise, within and not later than the expiration of the ninety day period provided for the appointment of the board members, each appointee of his appointment and term of office as a member of the municipal fire and police civil service board; and, an official record thereof shall be placed in the official minutes of the governing body.

J. The original members of the board shall meet within thirty days after their appointment in their first official meeting; take the oath of office; elect a chairman and vice-chairman; and transact any other business pertinent at that time. The oath of office shall be administered by the city clerk or by any other person having the legal authority to administer it.

K. A chairman and a vice-chairman shall be elected by the members of the board. The term for which either the chairman or vice-chairman shall serve as such, shall run concurrently with that for which he was appointed a member of the board; except the term of either office shall terminate upon death of the incumbent, or his resignation from the office or from the board or his removal from the board.

L.(1) At the discretion of the board, the office of secretary shall be filled in one of the following ways:

(a) By electing one of its members thereto.

(b) By appointing the city clerk, or secretary-treasurer of the municipality to fill such office ex officio.

(c) By employing on a part-time basis any other person and paying a salary not to exceed twelve hundred fifty dollars per month which salary shall be approved by the municipal governing authority.

(2) The board may terminate the term of office of any person serving as its secretary at any time. No person serving as secretary of a board, except a member thereof, shall have the right to vote in its proceedings. The secretary shall attend the meetings of the board; keep a record of its proceedings; attend to correspondence directed to him, and other correspondence ordered by the chairman; perform other functions assigned to him by the board; and cooperate with the state examiner in a manner that will assist the examiner to carry out effectively the duties imposed upon him by this Part or those functions which may be requested of him by the board.

M. The board shall meet at any time after its original meeting upon the call of the chairman, who shall give all members of the board due notice thereof. The chairman of the board shall call, and the members of the board shall attend, one regular meeting of the board within each quarterly period of each calendar year. If a chairman fails or refuses to call such quarterly meeting of his board, the members of the board shall meet upon the written call of any two members mailed ten days in advance of the meeting. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and the concurring votes of any three members comprising the quorum of the board shall be sufficient for the decision of all matters to be decided or transacted by it. Meetings of the boards shall be open to the public.

Amended by Acts 1969, No. 146, §1; Acts 1975, No. 363, §1; Acts 1976, No. 69, §1; Acts 1976, No. 166, §1; Acts 1977, No. 470, §1; Acts 1978, No. 184, §1; Acts 1980, No. 302, §1; Acts 1981, No. 776, §1; Acts 1983, No. 473, §1; Acts 1993, No. 689, §1; Acts 1997, No. 517, §1, eff. July 3, 1997; Acts 1997, No. 1326, §1, eff. July 15, 1997; Acts 1999, No. 454, §1; Acts 1999, No. 1177, §1; Acts 2010, No. 627, §1, eff. July 1, 2010; Acts 2014, No. 686, §1, eff. June 18,

2014; Acts 2016, No. 667, §1, eff. June 17, 2016; Acts 2020, No. 142, §1; Acts 2021, No. 67, §1; Acts 2021, No. 280, §1.

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PART III. FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE LAW FOR SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AND FOR PARISHES AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

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§2536. Fire and police civil service boards

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B.(1)(a) To be eligible for appointment or to serve as a member of a board, a person shall be a citizen of the United States of America, a resident of the area for which fire or police protection is provided for at least five years next preceding his appointment, and at the time of his appointment a qualified voter of the area.

(b) However, with respect to the two members elected by and from the fire and the police departments as provided in Paragraph (C)(3) of this Section, such members shall have been residents of the parish in which the area they are to serve is located for a period of at least five years preceding their appointment, provided such residence requirement is approved by resolution of the local governing authority.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph, the two members elected by and from the fire and the police departments as provided in Paragraph (C)(3) of this Section shall not be required to be residents or qualified voters of the area in which they are appointed to serve or residents of the parish in which the area is located provided that such exceptions are approved by resolution of the local governing authority.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the governing body of the respective parish, municipality, or fire protection district shall conduct a background check on any person who is under consideration for appointment to the board. No person is eligible for appointment or may serve as a member of the board if his background check reveals that either of the following has occurred in the ten years immediately preceding his appointment:

- (i) He has been convicted of a felony.
- (ii) He has committed a civil rights violation, as determined by a legally binding agreement or finding.

(2)(a) Any employee, while serving as a member of a board, shall occupy, as a regular employee, a position or office lower than that of chief, assistant chief, district chief, or battalion chief in the fire service; or a position or office lower than that of chief, assistant chief, or major in the police service.

(b) No member of a board shall have been, during a period of six months immediately preceding his appointment, a member of any local, state, or national committee of a political party, or an officer or member of a committee in any factional political club or organization.

(c) No member of a board shall be a candidate for nomination or election to any public office or hold any other public office or position of public employment, except that of notary public, a military or naval official office, or that of a municipal, parish, or fire protection district fire or police department which is expressly required by the provisions of this Part.

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Acts 1964, No. 282, §1. Amended by Acts 1965, No. 146, §1; Acts 1980, No. 84, §1; Acts 1984, No. 274, §1; Acts 1997, No. 516, §1, eff. July 3, 1997; Acts 1997, No. 524, §1; Acts 1999, No. 454, §1; Acts 1999, No. 455, §1; Acts 1999, No. 1177, §1; Acts 2010, No. 627, §1, eff. July 1, 2010; Acts 2016, No. 667, §1, eff. June 17, 2016; Acts 2021, No. 280, §1.

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CHAPTER 11. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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§4577. *Repealed by Acts 2012, No. 339, §2, eff. July 1, 2013.*

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CHAPTER 12-A. SPECIAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

PART I. NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL BUSINESS PARK

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§4702. Board of commissioners; appointment and term; organization

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(7)(a) Nothing in this Part or any other provision of law shall be construed to prohibit a member of the board from owning, operating, participating with, or otherwise engaging in any transaction with a business entity located within the district.

(b) Nothing herein shall be construed to supercede the Code of Governmental Ethics provided for in Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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Added by Acts 1979, No. 741, §1, eff. July 20, 1979. Amended by Acts 1982, No. 666, §1; Acts 1985, No. 251, §1; Acts 1988, No. 742, §1; Acts 1989, No. 37, §1; Acts 1992, No. 743, §1; Acts 1995, No. 900, §§1, 2; Acts 2004, No. 917, §§1, 2, eff. July 12, 2004; Acts 2010, No. 673, §§1, 2, eff. June 29, 2010; Acts 2010, No. 681, §1; Acts 2013, No. 269, §1, eff. June 13, 2013; Acts 2014, No. 860, §§1, 2, eff. Aug. 15, 2014.

NOTE: *See Acts 2014, No. 860, §3, relative to terms of board members.*

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CHAPTER 27. COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§9021. Findings, declarations of necessity, and purpose

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(7) Economic development is a legitimate concern of government because it serves the public interest, but it is not purely and solely a public purpose, since successful economic development serves the private interests of business and industry as much as the public interest.

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(10) It is in the best interest of the state of Louisiana and of its regions, parishes, and municipalities to encourage, create, and support public-private partnerships and to permit and encourage participation by representatives of private-sector industries which may benefit from economic development programs, while providing appropriate protections for the public interest.

Added by Acts 1978, No. 617, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1179, §1, eff. July 14, 1997; Acts 2020, No. 240, §1, see Act.

NOTE: *See Acts 2020, No. 240, §2, regarding effectiveness.*

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§9024. Incorporation as a private nonprofit corporation

A. After the application or applications have been approved by such governing authority and approved by the governor or such local chief executive officer, the proposed corporation shall incorporate itself and shall operate as a private nonprofit corporation pursuant to the laws of Louisiana, and in no manner whatsoever shall funds and assets of the state be used to carry out normal governmental services.

B. An economic development corporation organized under the provisions of this Chapter is a private, nonprofit corporation and is prohibited from functioning as an agency of the state or of any political subdivision of the state, and its directors, officers, or employees are prohibited from functioning as and are not to be considered to be public employees for any purpose whatsoever, and neither the state of Louisiana nor any agency or subdivision of the state may assign to any economic development corporation so organized any of the normal powers of government, including the following:

- (1) The power to impose or collect taxes or fees.
- (2) The power to license or to exercise governmental regulatory authority over any person or entity.
- (3) The power to carry out, or to employ or contract with persons to carry out, any governmental function which is purely and solely of a public nature.

C.(1) Since economic development corporations are intended to operate as public-private partnerships, persons owning or employed by businesses which participate in and might benefit from growth in the areas of the economy are permitted and encouraged to serve as members of the board of directors of any economic development corporation.

(2)(a) Public officials including the chief executive of the local governmental subdivision or members of the governing body of the local governmental subdivision are also permitted and encouraged to serve as members of the board of directors of such a corporation, provided that in no case shall public officials constitute a majority of a quorum of such a board of directors, nor shall a number of members of a governing authority, which would constitute a quorum of that governing authority, serve together on such a board of directors.

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(b) The presence on the board of directors of said public officials shall not alter the private, nonprofit nature of the corporation and shall not make it an agency of the state or of the local governmental subdivision.

D.(1) Except as provided in this Subsection, related party transactions in which the corporation contracts with any related party including any board member, manager, officer, or director for goods or services are prohibited.

(2) Any transaction or relationship is authorized if the benefit to the related party is of no greater benefit to such person or entity than to the general class of persons or entities of which such person or entity is a member, or where the opportunity to receive any such benefit has been fairly and equally made available to the general class of persons or entities of which such person or entity is a member.

(3) Charges shall be allowed, at cost, for food, drink, refreshments, accommodations, meeting space, round-trip transportation, and other reasonable and necessary expenses which actually reimburse persons or entities which serve or assist such corporations for expenses incurred through activities conducted in good faith in furtherance of the corporation's stated purpose as approved by the governing authority of the affected governmental subdivision.

(4) Any transaction or activity which is particular to the purposes and objectives of the economic development corporation, and which has been specifically approved in writing by the funding agency and the governing authority of the affected governmental subdivision is authorized.

E.(1) Economic development corporations are not agencies of the state, nor of any subdivision of the state, and are prohibited from exercising governmental powers or carrying out functions which are purely and solely of a public nature. Such corporations are not subject to the laws which govern the operation of public bodies.

(2) Without altering the private nature of economic development corporations, any economic development corporation which obtains funds from the state or any agency or subdivision thereof of ten thousand dollars or more in any calendar year shall, as a condition to the receipt or expenditure of such public funds, maintain all of its books and records with respect to the use or receipt of any public funds as public documents and make them available for inspection and copying pursuant to the provisions of the public records law, R.S. 44:1 et seq., hold any and all meetings of such corporation with respect to the receipt or expenditure of public funds in public after due notice thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, and comply with any conditions of funding.

(3) Any immovable property acquired or constructed by an economic development corporation with public money shall be owned by the state or a political subdivision or some other public entity, and not by any person or private entity.

Added by Acts 1978, No. 617, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1179, §1, eff. July 14, 1997; Acts 2002, No. 78, §2, eff. June 25, 2002; Acts 2010, No. 861, §15.

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TITLE 34. NAVIGATION AND SHIPPING

CHAPTER 1. PORTS AND HARBORS

PART I. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

SUBPART A. ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION

§1. Continuation; qualifications; appointments; terms; vacancies

A. Membership; qualifications; vacancies.

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(3) All members shall be experienced in the commerce or industry, or both, of the port area, and shall otherwise possess the qualifications prescribed by law. Notwithstanding any prohibition contained in Part II of Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a member appointed prior to August 1, 2018, employed in the maritime industry may serve as a member as provided in this Paragraph. The provisions of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 in effect on the date of the appointment of a member appointed prior to August 1, 2018, shall apply to that member for the term of that member. The present members appointed prior to August 1, 2018, seven in number, shall continue to serve on the board for the duration of their respective terms, and shall remain subject to the provisions of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 in effect on the date of that member's appointment. A member appointed on or after August 1, 2018, employed in the maritime industry may serve as a member as provided in this Paragraph, subject to the provisions of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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M. Incompatible offices. No member of the board shall hold any office in any political party or other political organization, nor shall he hold any public office or employment for compensation, existing under or created by the laws of the United States or the state of Louisiana, or existing under or created by the charter or ordinance of a municipality or subdivision of the state.

Amended by Acts 1976, No. 289, §1; Acts 1980, No. 272, §1; Acts 1985, No. 426, §1; Acts 1986, No. 142, §1; Acts 1992, No. 188, §1; Acts 1992, No. 1049, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1422, §1; Acts 2004, No. 83, §1, eff. May 28, 2004; Acts 2004, No. 91, §1, eff. May 28, 2004; Acts 2010, No. 681, §2; Acts 2018, No. 534, §1.

***NOTE:** *as appears in Acts 1976, No. 289, §1 and Acts 1985, No. 426, §1.*

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CHAPTER 9. GREATER OUACHITA PORT COMMISSION

§1401. Creation of commission; membership; qualifications; vacancy

A. The Greater Ouachita Port Commission, the "commission", is hereby created. The commission shall be composed of seven members, who shall serve without compensation. The members must be citizens of the United States and qualified electors of the parish of Ouachita and shall be appointed by the governor for overlapping terms of six years, as follows:

(1) Two commissioners shall be appointed at large.

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(2) Two commissioners shall be residents of District 3 consisting of precincts 10 through 24, District 4 consisting of precincts 25 and 26, or District 10 consisting of precincts 59 through 72 and 74 through 79 and shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the state legislators representing these districts.

(3) Two commissioners shall be residents of District 5 consisting of precincts 27 through 50, District 6 consisting of precincts 51 through 53, District 7 consisting of precincts 54 and 55, District 8 consisting of precincts 56 and 57, or District 9 consisting of precinct 58 and shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the state legislators representing these districts.

(4) One commissioner shall be a resident of District 1 consisting of precincts 1 through 5 and precinct 73, or District 2 consisting of precincts 2 through 9A and shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the state legislators representing these districts.

B. The commissioner initially appointed from District 1 consisting of precincts 1 through 5 and precinct 73, or District 2 consisting of precincts 2 through 9A and one of the commissioners initially appointed from District 5 consisting of precincts 27 through 50, District 6 consisting of precincts 51 through 53, District 7 consisting of precincts 54 and 55, District 8 consisting of precincts 56 and 57, or District 9 consisting of precinct 58 shall serve terms of two years; one of the commissioners initially appointed at large and one of the commissioners initially appointed from District 3 consisting of precincts 10 through 24, District 4 consisting of precincts 25 and 26, or District 10 consisting of precincts 59 through 72 and 74 through 79 shall serve terms of four years; and the other three commissioners initially appointed shall serve terms of six years, all as designated by the governor. The successors shall serve terms of six years. Each commissioner shall take and cause to be recorded the oath of office, as required by Article X, Section 30 of the Constitution of Louisiana and R.S. 42:161 et seq.

C. No commissioner shall hold office in a political party or during his term as commissioner hold any elective or appointive office or employment for compensation in the government of the United States or of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof.

D. A vacancy on the commission for any reason shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment by the governor of a person meeting the same residence criteria, as provided by Subsection A of this Section.

Acts 1998, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 45, §1; Acts 2011, No. 55, §1, eff. June 20, 2011.

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TITLE 37. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

CHAPTER 2. ACCOUNTANTS

PART I. IN GENERAL

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§88. Accounting and review services for governmental entities

Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to the contrary, a licensee may be engaged to conduct an audit or review of the books and accounts of a governmental entity for which such licensee also performs, or has performed, other accounting, advisory, or other services, provided that the performance of such other services does not or has not impaired the independence of the licensee with respect to the governmental entity and such other services are or have been performed in conformity with the ethical rules and interpretations governing the independence of a licensee, as prescribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A licensee is not precluded from issuing a report with respect to a compilation of financial statements for a governmental entity with respect to which the licensee is not independent so long as the licensee specifically discloses the lack of independence prior to such engagement.

Acts 1986, No. 810, §1, eff. July 10, 1986; Acts 1999, No. 473, §1, eff. June 18, 1999; Acts 2006, No. 214, §1.

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TITLE 38. PUBLIC CONTRACTS, WORKS, AND IMPROVEMENTS

CHAPTER 15. AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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§3303. Appointment and term of commissioners

A. The board of commissioners shall be composed of sixteen members.

B.(1) Seven members shall be the parish presidents representing the parishes making up the district, or their designee, and shall serve ex officio without appointment.

(2) One member shall be the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, or his designee, one member shall be the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or his designee, and one member shall be the executive director of the Pontchartrain Levee District Board of Commissioners, or his designee, all serving in a nonvoting advisory role.

C.(1) The remaining six members shall serve at large and shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, from nominations submitted by the representatives and senators whose districts include any portion of the district.

(2) Priority shall be given to nominees that reside in the district or any parish within it; however, district or parish residency is not required.

(3)(a) Each legislator within the district may nominate up to two persons meeting the qualification requirements per vacant position.

(b) If no nominees meeting the qualification requirements are submitted for a seat, the governor may choose his own.

D. At-large commissioners shall serve a term of four years, staggered with three positions expiring every two years. Initial terms shall be two years for three commissioners and four years for three commissioners, chosen by lot. The existing board shall terminate effective January first following enactment of this Act.

E. All six commissioners-at-large shall have at least seven years of professional experience in their discipline, of which at least four shall be engineers, project managers, certified floodplain managers, or professionals in a drainage-related field such as geotechnical, hydrological, or environmental science. Parish commissioner designees are encouraged to be, but need not be, professionals as provided for in this Subsection.

F. Appointment of, or voting by, public servants to the board of commissioners shall not constitute violation of the dual officeholding and dual employment law, R.S. 42:61 et seq., or the Code of Governmental Ethics, R.S. 42:1101 et seq., but such persons shall not vote on any matter in which they have a personal financial interest other than as a resident of the district.

Added by Acts 1981, No. 896, §1. Amended by Acts 1982, No. 111, §1; Acts 1983, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 12, §§1, 2, eff. Jan. 19, 1983; Acts 1984, No. 907, §1; Acts 2022, No. 490, §1, eff. June 16, 2022.

TITLE 39. PUBLIC FINANCE
SUBTITLE I. STATE FINANCE
CHAPTER 1. DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

PART II. OPERATING BUDGET

SUBPART C. OPERATING BUDGET EXECUTION

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§77. Expenditure of monies in excess of funds appropriated; removal from office

The expenditure of any monies in excess of the funds appropriated or otherwise allocated for expenditure by any board, commission, department, or agency of the state during any fiscal year shall constitute reasonable cause for removal from office of the officer or officers, whether elected or appointed, responsible therefor in accordance with the provisions of Article X of the Constitution of Louisiana, unless the officer first has obtained approval therefor of the interim emergency board and of the legislature by a two-thirds vote of the members thereof taken by ballot conducted by the clerk of the House of Representatives and secretary of the Senate as provided in R.S. 39:461.1; provided, however, that the provisions of the Section shall not apply to the Department of Military Affairs or the Department of Public Safety and Corrections when a state of emergency has been declared by the governor so long as the department heads shall certify to the governor that the expenditure of funds is necessary as a direct result of said state of emergency.

Acts 1989, No. 836, §1, eff. July 1, 1989; Acts 2016, No. 280, §1.

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CHAPTER 7. LOCAL DEPOSITORIES

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§1233.1. Bank officer, director, or employee who is member of depositing authority; recusal

Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Revised Statutes of 1950 or any other law to the contrary, any member of a local depositing authority, including the chief executive officer thereof, may serve as an officer, director, or employee, whether compensated or not, of any national or state bank; provided that he shall recuse himself from voting in favor of any such bank and shall disclose the reason for such recusal by filing same into the minutes or record of the local depositing authority and by forwarding a disclosure form to the Board of Ethics. The Board of Ethics shall develop, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, a disclosure form to be utilized in complying with the provisions of this Section.

Acts 1991, No. 1008, §2; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 64, §11, eff. Jan. 1, 1997.

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CHAPTER 17-E. LOUISIANA CORRECTIONS PRIVATE MANAGEMENT ACT

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§1800.6. Hiring preference

State and local governmental subdivisions employees whose employment becomes subject to a contract with a private prison contractor shall be given a hiring preference by the contractor for available positions for which they qualify. Louisiana residents shall be given a hiring preference in the staffing of new facilities constructed under the provisions of this Chapter. The provisions of R.S. 42:1121 shall not be applicable to this Section and Chapter.

Acts 1989, No. 360, §1, eff. June 28, 1989.

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TITLE 40. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

CHAPTER 3. HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND SLUM CLEARANCE

PART I. HOUSING AUTHORITIES LAW

SUBPART F. MISCELLANEOUS

§531. Appointment of commissioners to local housing authority

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B.(1) In the city of New Orleans, the governing authority of the housing authority shall consist of nine commissioners, at least two of whom shall be tenants of the housing authority, referred to in this Chapter as "tenant commissioners", and one of whom shall be appointed as provided in Subparagraph (2)(b) of this Subsection, referred to in this Chapter as a "landlord commissioner".

(2)(a) Six commissioners, excluding the landlord commissioner, shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans. The two tenant commissioners shall be appointed by the president of the New Orleans city council from a list of names submitted by the Citywide Tenants Council, Inc., of the housing authority. The number of names submitted shall be three for each vacancy to be filled by a tenant commissioner.

(b) The one landlord commissioner shall be appointed by the mayor from a list of three nominees submitted by the Landlords Advisory Committee. No person who has or who is seeking a business or financial relationship with the housing authority or who otherwise has a conflict pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics regarding service on the housing authority shall be eligible to be appointed as a landlord commissioner. The committee shall meet within sixty days after any mayoral election is concluded or any vacancy in the landlord commissioner position and shall nominate the list of landlord commissioners as provided in this Subsection upon a majority vote of the members of the committee present and voting. The committee shall give notice of the purpose, time, and place of such a meeting through the landlord portal on the official website of the housing authority or by publication in the official journal of the city of New Orleans at least seven days prior to the date set for the hearing.

(c) *Repealed by Acts 2019, No. 137, §2.*

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Acts 1997, No. 1188, §1; Acts 2001, No. 80, §1, eff. May 24, 2001; Acts 2003, No. 923, §1; Acts 2008, No. 874, §1, eff. July 9, 2008; Acts 2009, No. 407, §1; Acts 2011, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 12, §1, eff. June 12, 2011; Acts 2013, No. 333, §1, eff. June 17, 2013; Acts 2014, No. 791, §14; Acts 2015, No. 419, §1; Acts 2019, No. 137, §§1, 2; Acts 2021, No. 302, §1; Acts 2024, No. 228, §1.

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CHAPTER 3-G. LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION ACT

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§600.90. Officers of the corporation; duties; liability

A. Executive director.

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(1) Appointment.

(a) The board of directors of the corporation shall appoint an executive director of the corporation subject to confirmation by the Senate for a term not to exceed three years. Any person appointed shall meet all the requirements for being a member of the board of directors except for the requirement of R.S. 40:600.89(A)(2)(a).

(b) Any person whose appointment was not confirmed shall not be reappointed for confirmation for a period of two years.

(2) Duties; requirements.

(a) The executive director of the corporation shall manage the daily affairs of the corporation and shall have such powers and duties as specified by this Chapter and by the board of directors.

(b) The executive director shall not be a member of the board.

(c) The executive director of the corporation shall be terminated only for cause.

(d) The executive director shall administer, manage, and direct the affairs and business of the corporation, subject to the policies, control, and direction of the board of directors of the corporation.

B. The executive director shall submit a staffing plan to the board for its approval.

C. No officer or employee of the corporation shall be a member of the board.

D. The powers of the board.

(1) The powers of the corporation shall be vested in the board of directors.

(2) A majority of the members of the board currently serving shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, and the presence of a quorum shall be required for the exercise of any power or function of the corporation. No vacant office shall be included in the determination of the number of members of the board necessary to establish a quorum.

(3) No action shall be taken by the board until such time as at least seven of the members have been appointed and have taken the oath of office.

(4) No vacancy in the board shall impair the rights of a quorum of the board to exercise any power or function of the corporation as provided in Paragraph (5) of this Subsection.

(5) Action may be taken by a quorum of the board upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

(6) The board may create and appoint members to any committee deemed necessary or beneficial to carrying out the duties of the board.

(7) The board may employ counsel to represent the board.

(8) The board may appoint and, so appointing, prescribe the duties of the officers as are named to assist in the operation of the corporation, including, but not limited to, a secretary or treasurer of the corporation. The offices and duties shall be included in the bylaws of the corporation.

E. The corporation shall be domiciled in Baton Rouge.

F. The corporation shall adopt bylaws for its own governance and internal organization, provided that such bylaws shall not conflict with any of the provisions of this Chapter or with any other law applicable to public bodies or agencies. Except to the extent in conflict with this Chapter, the corporation and its board shall be subject to the laws relative to meetings of public bodies, public records, and the Code of Governmental Ethics.

G. No member of the board of directors shall be civilly liable by reason of any act or omission committed or suffered in the performance of his duties as member of the board or with respect to the operations of the corporation, but any act, liability for omission, or obligation of a member in the performance of his duties or with respect to the operations of the corporation shall extend to the whole of the property of the corporation, or so much thereof as may be necessary or available to discharge such liability or obligation, and not otherwise.

H.(1) If any member of the board of directors or any officer or employee of the corporation shall have an interest, either direct or indirect, in any contract to which the corporation is, or is to be, a party, or in any lending institution requesting a loan from or offering to sell insured mortgage loans to the corporation, such interest shall be disclosed to the corporation in writing and shall be set forth in the minutes of the corporation.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 42:1112, no member of the board of directors and no officer or employee having such interest shall participate in any action by the corporation, including but not limited to discussion and voting on any issue bearing on that interest. The member of the board of directors shall recuse himself from any action taken by the board of directors.

(3) Failure to make a disclosure required pursuant to this Subsection shall constitute misconduct in office.

I. Fiscal matters.

(1) The corporation shall operate from self-generated funds and shall not be a budget unit of the state.

(2) The corporation may receive state appropriations and the expenditure of such appropriated funds shall be subject to budgetary controls or authority of the division of administration.

(3) The corporation shall establish an operating budget for the use of its funds, subject to the favorable vote of two-thirds of the current membership of the board of directors of the corporation.

(4) The fiscal year for the corporation shall run concurrently with the fiscal year of the state.

(5) Any budget adopted for a fiscal year shall be effective for that fiscal year.

Acts 2011, No. 408, §1, eff. July 5, 2011; Acts 2013, No. 420, §5, eff. June 21, 2013.

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CHAPTER 7. FIRE PREVENTION OR PROTECTION

PART I. FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

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§1498. Compensation of board members

A.(1) Members of the governing boards of fire protection districts, including members of police juries serving ex officio, may be paid a per diem of thirty dollars for attending meetings of the board, not to exceed two meetings in any one calendar month, and may be reimbursed any expenses incurred in performing the duties imposed upon them by virtue of their serving as members. The amounts paid by virtue of this Section shall be paid from funds of the respective fire protection districts. Per diem payments under this Section to members of police juries serving ex officio as members of the governing boards of fire protection districts shall be in addition to per diem paid them as members of the police juries.

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(2) If a member is elected secretary or treasurer or secretary-treasurer of the board, he may be compensated additionally for such office.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, the governing board of the Fire Protection District No. 7 of Vermilion Parish may choose to provide compensation for the elected president of its board. Only one officer shall receive compensation and the remaining board members shall receive only the per diem and reimbursed expenses provided for in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection.

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Amended by Acts 1954, No. 519, §1; Acts 1960, No. 397, §1; Acts 1968, No. 583, §1; Acts 1969, No. 84, §1; Acts 1970, No. 534, §1; Acts 1972, No. 196, §1; Acts 1975, No. 17, §1; Acts 1980, No. 218, §1; Acts 1990, No. 154, §1; Acts 1999, No. 521, §1; Acts 1999, No. 1016, §1; Acts 2001, No. 110, §1, eff. May 24, 2001; Acts 2001, No. 708, §1; Acts 2004, No. 615, §1; Acts 2009, No. 119, §1; Acts 2011, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 12, §1, eff. June 12, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 611, §1; Acts 2013, No. 98, §1; Acts 2013, No. 107, §1; Acts 2021, No. 148, §1; Acts 2023, No. 115, §1.

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TITLE 42. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

CHAPTER 1. TERMS OF OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT

§1. Public office defined

As used in this title, the term "public office" means any state, district, parish or municipal office, elective or appointive, or any position as member on a board or commission, elective or appointive, when the office or position is established by the constitution or laws of this state.

"Public officer" is any person holding a public office in this state.

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§2.1. Boards, commissions, councils, authorities, entities; composition

A. In making appointments to any board, commission, council, authority, or other similar entity that has statewide jurisdiction and is established by law, rule, executive order, or otherwise, the appointing authority shall give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including but not limited to geography, gender, and race.

B. No person shall have any right of action pursuant to this Section against an appointing authority or any board, commission, council, authority, or other similar entity or against any action of such an entity.

C. No person owing any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics shall be appointed to any board or commission of the state or any political subdivision.

D. For purposes of this Section, "outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics" shall mean a fine, fee, or penalty equal to an amount of two hundred fifty dollars or more imposed by the Board of Ethics for which all appeals have been exhausted.

Acts 2004, No. 733, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2014, No. 754, §1.

§2.2. Boards, commissions, councils, authorities, and entities; immediate family members

A. No appointing authority shall appoint to any board, commission, council, authority, or similar entity a person who is a member of the immediate family of a person who serves on the board, commission, council, authority, or similar entity at the time of the appointment.

B. For purposes of this Section, "immediate family" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 42:1102.

Acts 2014, No. 696, §1.

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CHAPTER 21. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC OFFICERS BY SUIT

§1411. Public officer; ground for removal; suspension; definitions

A. A public officer shall be removed from office for conviction, during his term of office, of a felony.

B. The conviction for a felony of a public officer shall automatically suspend that individual from his public office without compensation. The suspension from public office without compensation shall continue until the conviction is final and all appellate review of the original trial court proceedings is exhausted. During the period of suspension, the public official shall not perform any official act, duty, or function nor shall he receive any compensation, pay, allowance, emolument, or privilege of his office. If the conviction is reversed on appeal, the public official shall be entitled to and shall receive full back pay with legal interest

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thereon from the date of suspension, compensation, and all rights, duties, powers, allowances, emoluments, and privileges of office to which he would have been entitled had he not been suspended.

C. During this period of suspension, another person shall be appointed to perform the official acts, duties, and functions of that office during the period of suspension. Any person appointed to perform these official acts, duties, and functions shall serve in his appointed capacity until the conviction of the public official is reversed on appeal or until expiration of the term of office of the suspended public official, whichever occurs first. Every person appointed under the provisions of this Section shall receive the same pay, compensation, allowances, emoluments, and privileges of the office to which he is appointed as the suspended public official received prior to his suspension.

D. No person appointed under the provisions of this Section shall be eligible in the next election as a candidate for the office to which he is appointed, except as provided in R.S. 18:602(E)(1).

E. Except as provided in this Subsection, if any public official except the governor or lieutenant governor is suspended under the provisions of this Section, the governor shall appoint another person to perform the official acts, duties, and functions of that office during the period of suspension. If the public official suspended under the provisions of this Section is a statewide elected official, other than the governor or lieutenant governor, the first assistant appointed under the provisions of Art. IV, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana shall serve in the position during the period of suspension. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Section, if the public official suspended is a member of the legislature, no other person shall be appointed under the provisions of this Section to perform any official act, duty, or function of the suspended legislator. If the public official is a member of a parish or municipal governing authority, or combination thereof, or a mayor or any other local or municipal office, except as provided in this Subsection, the governing authority of the local governmental subdivision where the vacancy occurs shall appoint a person to perform the official acts, duties, and functions of the person suspended. If the official suspended is a member of a city or parish school board, the remaining members of the school board shall appoint the person to perform the official acts, duties, and functions of the person suspended. If the person suspended is a district attorney, clerk of a district court, coroner, sheriff, or tax assessor, then his first assistant or deputy shall perform his official acts, duties and functions as provided in R.S. 18:602(C).

F. Any person appointed to perform the official acts, duties, and functions of a public official suspended under the provisions of this Section shall have the same qualifications required by law to hold the office as the public official under suspension and he shall post any bond as may be required by law for that office.

G. For purposes of this Chapter, the term "felony" includes both a felony under the laws of this state and a felony under the laws of the United States. For purposes of this Chapter, the term "public officer" means any person holding a public office, whether state, district, parochial, ward, or municipal, whether the person is elected or appointed except judges of the courts of record.

Added by Acts 1976, No. 628, §1. Amended by Acts 1981, No. 601, §1; Acts 1985, No. 994, §1; Acts 1990, No. 892, §2.

§1412. Method for removal

A. For conviction of a felony any public officer shall be removed by judgment of the district court of the district in which he is domiciled. The district attorney of that judicial district shall institute the suit within ten days after the conviction is final and all appellate review of the original trial court proceedings is exhausted. Suits against the attorney general shall be brought in the Nineteenth Judicial District by the district attorney of that district, and suits against a district attorney shall be brought by the attorney general.

B. An action instituted pursuant to R.S. 42:1411 and R.S. 42:1412 is civil in nature; shall be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, except as otherwise provided in this Section; and shall be tried by preference over all other matters in a summary proceeding.

C. A hearing on the petition for removal shall be held not more than twenty days after service upon the public officer whose removal is sought. Judgment shall be rendered in the matter within ten days after the removal hearing. Within five days after the signing of the judgment, either party may appeal suspensively by obtaining an order of appeal and posting bond for a sum fixed by the court to secure the payment of costs. The trial judge shall fix the return day at a time not to exceed five days after the granting of the order of appeal. An application to the supreme court for a writ of certiorari may be made only within three days after the signing of judgment by the court of appeal. Each appellate court to which the action is brought shall place the matter on its preferential docket, shall hear it without delay, and shall render a decision within ten days after oral argument. The granting of an order of appeal or writ of certiorari suspends the effect of the judgment during the pendency of such proceedings.

D. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an appeal of a felony conviction in a state court of a public officer shall be given preference over other criminal appeals.

Added by Acts 1976, No. 628, §1. Amended by Acts 1981, No. 601, §1.

§1413. Law enforcement officers; grounds for removal; method for removal

A. It is essential to the proper operation of democratic government in general and of law enforcement agencies in particular that public law enforcement officials and employees be independent and impartial; that decisions and recommendations by law enforcement officers be made through the proper channels of governmental structure; that positions of trust in law enforcement agencies not be used for private gain other than the remuneration provided by law; and that there be public confidence in the integrity of law enforcement organizations. It is the policy and purpose of these provisions to implement these objectives of protecting the integrity of the government of this state by prescribing essential restrictions on the conduct of law enforcement officers during the course of their discharge of official duties and responsibilities.

B. No law enforcement officer, whether a state, district, parochial, ward, or municipal officer, shall refer any person, with whom such officer has any relation or comes into contact in his professional capacity as a law enforcement officer, to any specific attorney at law, law firm, or investigator as a potential client, when said law enforcement officer receives any compensation for such referral.

C. Any law enforcement officer violating the provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall be removed from office as a law enforcement officer, and shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both, subject to applicable civil service laws, rules, and regulations, if any.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 758, §1. Amended by Acts 1993, No. 420, §3.

§1414. State, district, parish, ward, and municipal employees; termination for conviction of a felony

The employee-employer relationship existing between a state, district, parish, ward, or municipal employee, whether classified or unclassified, and the state, district, parish, ward, or municipality, as applicable, shall be terminated and such employee shall be removed from his position of employment with the state, district, parish, ward, or municipality, as applicable, upon conviction, during his employment, of a felony as defined by the laws of this state or by the laws of the United States. Within ten days after a conviction is final and all appellate review of the original trial court proceedings is exhausted, the appointing authority of the employing agency shall terminate any state, district, parish, ward, or municipal employee who is convicted of a felony and is holding a position of employment with such agency. For the purposes of Article X, Section 8(A) and Article X, Section 46(A) of the Louisiana Constitution and any provision of law relating to disciplinary action taken against a state employee including any provision of law relating to

post-employment benefits, final conviction of a felony shall be a cause for termination of a state, district, parish, ward, or municipal employee.

Added by Acts 1982, No. 353, §1, eff. July 17, 1982. Amended by Acts 2003, No. 240, §1, eff. June 5, 2003.

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CHAPTER 25. PUBLIC PROPERTY, DUTIES OF OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND CUSTODIANS

§1461. Public property; personal obligations of officials, employees, and custodians; actions; prescription

A. Officials, whether elected or appointed and whether compensated or not, and employees of any "public entity", which, for purposes of this Section shall mean and include any department, division, office, board, agency, commission, or other organizational unit of any of the three branches of state government or of any parish, municipality, school board or district, court of limited jurisdiction, or other political subdivision or district, or the office of any sheriff, district attorney, coroner, or clerk of court, by the act of accepting such office or employment assume a personal obligation not to misappropriate, misapply, convert, misuse, or otherwise wrongfully take any funds, property, or other thing of value belonging to or under the custody or control of the public entity in which they hold office or are employed.

B. When, pursuant to a statute, ordinance, resolution, or contract or other agreement, a public entity, as defined in Subsection A, entrusts to a contractor or to a quasi-public entity of any kind the care, administration, allocation, or disposition of funds, property, or other things of value belonging to it or under its custody or control, the contractor or the quasi-public entity, and the officers and employees thereof personally, shall be deemed to have undertaken the obligation of a fiduciary with respect to such funds, property, or other things of value of the public entity.

C. The breach of an obligation established under this Section gives rise to an action in favor of the public entity for the recovery of any such funds, property, or other things of value and for any other damages resulting from the breach. This action is prescribed by ten years, reckoning from the date on which the breach occurred.

Added by Acts 1982, No. 786, §1.

TITLE 43. PUBLIC PRINTING AND ADVERTISEMENTS

CHAPTER 1. STATE PRINTING

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§31. Printed matter prohibitions; uniform standards; election material

A.(1) No branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other entity of state government shall print or cause to be printed any bulletin, leaflet, Christmas card, personalized memorandum stationery, or other similar communication, house organ, circular, book, report, or similar publication, except those required by law.

(2) All printed matter so required shall be effected in a uniform manner as to basic content, size, quality of paper, and use of color as contained in standards to be established by the Division of Administration, the legislative budgetary control council, and the judicial budgetary control council. The Division of Administration, legislative budgetary control council, and the judicial budgetary control council shall be empowered to make such exceptions affecting their respective branch of government to the provisions of this Subsection as may be in the best interests of the state of Louisiana.

(3) In addition, the provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the printing or publication of any printed matter required by any federal law or regulation in order that the state or any department or agency thereof may obtain or receive federal funds, grants, or assistance. The provisions of this Section shall apply to printed matter printed pursuant to any such federal law or regulation to the extent that this Section does not conflict with any such law or regulation.

(4) The Louisiana Workforce Commission is not prohibited from printing, or causing to be printed, any statistical or other information, including legal publications, relating to employment conditions of workers or other publications, not required by law, that would be helpful to any person affected by laws or rules and regulations of the commission.

(5) The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is not prohibited from printing, or causing to be printed, any new promotional materials that enhance the development and implementation of cultural, recreational, and tourism programs when funds have been appropriated for that purpose.

(6) The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is not prohibited from printing, or causing to be printed, any new promotional materials that enhance the development and implementation of natural, recreational, and tourism programs when funds have been appropriated for that purpose.

B.(1)(a) All printed matter, except documentation in connection with proceedings of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government, printed or caused to be printed by any branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other entity of state government, shall contain the following statement, with required information inserted, printed on the publication adjacent to the identification of the agency responsible for publication: "This public document was published at a total cost of \$_____. (number) copies of this public document were published in this (number) printing at a cost of \$_____. The total cost of all printings of this document, including reprints is \$_____. This document was published by (name and address of person, firm, or corporation or agency which printed the material) to (statement of purpose) under authority of (citation of law requiring publication or of special exception by division of administration, the legislative budgetary control council, or the judicial budgetary control council as provided in Subsection A of this Section). This material was printed in accordance with the standards for printing by state agencies established pursuant to R.S. 43:31." If the printing of the material was not done by a state agency, the above statement shall include the following additional language: "Printing of this material was purchased in accordance with the provisions of Title 43 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes." This statement

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shall be printed in the same size type as the body copy of the document and shall be set in a box composed of a one-point rule.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph or of Subsection C of this Section, the legislative budgetary control council may determine at a meeting of the council the form and the content of any such statement for matter printed by the House of Representatives or any member thereof or the Senate or any member thereof.

(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the following:

(a) Any leaflet, postcard, brochure of no more than two pages, or magazine, if the magazine contains the statement "Paid for with public funds provided by the people of Louisiana" and is sent exclusively to persons or entities located outside of the state, used by the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of promoting economic development within the state of Louisiana.

(b) Any leaflet, postcard, brochure of no more than two pages, or magazine, if the magazine contains the statement "Paid for with public funds provided by the people of Louisiana" and is sent exclusively to persons or entities located outside of the state, used by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to promote culture, recreation, or tourism.

(c) Any printed matter used by a public institution of postsecondary education that is an academic or scholarly document or that is a leaflet, postcard, or brochure of no more than two pages designed to promote the institution.

(d) Any reports, research, or studies of a medical center or health care institution in the health care services division of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

(3) The Department of Economic Development, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, each public institution of postsecondary education, and each medical center and health care institution in the health care services division of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget within forty-five days of the close of each fiscal year. Each report required by this Paragraph shall contain information regarding actual expenses associated with the printed matter provided for in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection for the fiscal year being reported and, if required by R.S. 43:31.1, shall include a copy of the needs assessment performed in the manner provided by R.S. 43:31.1 for each publication in the fiscal year being reported.

C. The following three factors shall be utilized in computing cost data:

- (1) Preparation of the public document for publication;
- (2) Printing, including all expenditures for reproduction, whether on bid or in-house;
- (3) Circulation, including all estimated expenditures for postage and distribution of the public document.

D. No branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other entity of state government shall expend funds of, administered by, or under the control of any branch, department, agency, employee, official, or other entity of state government to print material or otherwise to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition on an election ballot nor shall such funds be used to lobby for or against any proposition or matter having the effect of law being considered by the legislature or any local governing authority. This provision shall not prevent the normal dissemination of factual information relative to a proposition on any election ballot or a proposition or matter having the effect of law being considered by the legislature or any local governing authority.

E. No public official of any branch, department, agency, or other entity of state or local government shall affix his or her name or picture on drivers' licenses, except their own personal driver's license, issued by the state, or any publicly owned motor vehicle, nor shall any such official cause his name or picture to be so affixed.

F.(1) Any administrative head of any branch, department, agency, or entity who violates any provision of this Section and any employee who, without the authorization of his administrative superior, violates any provision of this Section shall be personally liable for the cost of any printing in violation of this Section. Any funds of, administered by, or under the control of any branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other entity of state government expended on any printing in violation of this Section may be recovered by the state in a civil action instituted by the attorney general or any taxpayer.

(2) Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be assessed a fine by the court of not more than five hundred dollars.

Added by Acts 1976, No. 442, §1. Amended by Acts 1978, No. 130, §1; Acts 1979, No. 655, §1; Acts 1981, No. 652, §1, eff. July 20, 1981; Acts 1983, No. 390, §1; Acts 1986, No. 813, §1; Acts 1989, No. 440, §1; Acts 1995, No. 549, §1; Acts 1997, No. 9, §1; Acts 2004, No. 138, §2; Acts 2006, No. 535, §1, eff. June 22, 2006; Acts 2008, No. 743, §7, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2010, No. 574, §1.

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TITLE 46. PUBLIC WELFARE AND ASSISTANCE

CHAPTER 10. HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICTS

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§1053. Commission; qualification of members; appointment; vacancies; compensation; removal of commissioners; certain powers

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U.(1) The Natchitoches Parish Police Jury may increase the membership of the board of commissioners of the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Service District to not more than seven members. The two additional members provided for by this Subsection shall be appointed by the police jury for initial terms of six years each and their successors shall serve six-year terms.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, one of the members appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Service District shall be a member of the governing authority of Natchitoches Parish.

V.(1) The Pointe Coupee Parish Hospital Service District Number One, or the Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District Number One if the hospital service district is so renamed as provided in R.S. 46:1051(D), shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of nine members. The additional commissioners provided for by this Subsection shall be appointed by the governing authority of Pointe Coupee Parish. Two of the additional commissioners so appointed shall serve initial terms of two years each, and two shall serve initial terms of four years each; thereafter, their successors shall serve six-year terms as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, two of the members appointed to the board of commissioners of the district may be members of the governing authority of Pointe Coupee Parish.

W. The Rayne Branch Hospital Service District of the parish of Acadia shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of seven members. The two additional members provided for by this Subsection shall be appointed by the governing authority of Acadia Parish and shall serve initial terms of six years each, and their successors thereafter shall serve six-year terms as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

NOTE: *SUBSECTION X AS PER ACTS 1988, NO. 396, §1 AND ACTS 1988, NO. 768, §1:*

X. The Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of nine members, one from each councilmanic district of Plaquemines Parish. Each such member shall be a qualified voter and resident of the district and shall be appointed by the Plaquemines Parish Council from nominations by the president of Plaquemines Parish. Such members shall serve terms concurrent with the terms of the Plaquemines Parish Council.

NOTE: *SUBSECTION X AS PER ACTS 1988, NO. 876, §1:*

X. The board of commissioners of the Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One shall be composed of nine commissioners, one from each of the Plaquemines Parish council districts, who shall be qualified voters and residents of the district, nominated by the parish president or parish council, and appointed by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

Y.(1) The Hospital Service District Number One of East Baton Rouge Parish shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of nine members.

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(2) The two members added to the board by Act 149 of the 2002 First Extraordinary Session shall be appointed by the parish governing authority and shall serve initial terms of four years each, and their successors shall serve four-year terms.

(3) The terms of the members of the board of commissioners in office on the effective date of this Paragraph shall expire as provided by law. The successors of each such member shall be appointed for four-year terms.

(4) At least one member of the board of commissioners shall be a practicing physician who resides in the district.

Z. The Merryville Hospital Service District of Beauregard Parish shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of seven members. The two additional members provided for by this Subsection shall be appointed by the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Merryville and shall serve initial terms of two years each, and their successors shall serve six-year terms.

AA. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the Hospital Service District Number One of St. Landry Parish shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of seven members. One additional commissioner provided for by this Subsection shall be appointed by the St. Landry Parish Police Jury and shall serve six-year terms and the other additional commissioner shall be the chief of the medical staff of the hospital located within said service district and shall serve a term concurrent with his term as chief of staff.

BB.(1) In the parish of Jackson, the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District shall be governed by a commission composed of five members who possess the qualifications provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. The commission members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the police jury of the parish for six-year terms.

(2) The commission members shall be qualified voters and residents of Jackson Parish and shall possess the following qualifications:

(a) One commission member shall possess financial expertise and be an officer or owner of a bank or group of banks in the parish.

(b) One commission member shall possess legal expertise and be a licensed attorney in good standing in the parish who is not employed by the district attorney's office.

(c) One commission member shall possess medical expertise and be a licensed healthcare professional who practices at the hospital service district hospital in the parish.

(d) One commission member shall possess business or accounting expertise, practice his profession in the parish, and be a licensed certified public accountant or hold a master's degree in business administration.

(e) One commission member shall possess managerial expertise and be employed by a manufacturer located in the parish which has more than two hundred employees and manufactures products made from pulp wood or other fibrous materials.

CC. Hospital Service District No. 1 of Assumption Parish shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of seven members. The two additional members provided for by this Subsection shall be appointed by the parish governing authority and shall serve initial terms of two years. Such initial terms shall not begin prior to January 1, 1996. Successors to the two additional members shall serve six-year terms.

DD.(1) The Claiborne Parish Hospital Service District Number Three shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of nine members. The governing authority of Claiborne Parish shall appoint the commissioners as follows:

(a) One member appointed from police jury district numbers one and two.

- (b) One member appointed from police jury district numbers three and four.
- (c) One member appointed from police jury district numbers five and six.
- (d) One member appointed from police jury district numbers seven and eight.
- (e) One member appointed from police jury district numbers nine and ten.
- (f) Two members appointed, at large, from Claiborne Parish.
- (g) Two physicians practicing medicine within Claiborne Parish.

(2) The terms of the initial seven non-physician members shall be determined by lot at the first meeting with one commissioner serving for one year, two commissioners serving for two years, two commissioners serving for three years, and two commissioners serving for four years. Their successors shall each serve four-year terms.

(3) The terms of the initial two physicians shall be determined by the governing authority of Claiborne Parish, prior to the first meeting of the district, with one physician serving for one year and the other physician serving for two years, and their successors shall each serve two-year terms.

(4) All vacancies or replacements shall be filled by appointment by the governing authority of Claiborne Parish. Nothing in this Subsection shall impair or affect the operation of any hospital service district in Claiborne Parish.

EE. In the parish of Beauregard, the Hospital Service District Number Two shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of ten members. The additional members provided for by this Subsection shall be appointed by the governing authority and shall serve staggered initial terms with two commissioners appointed for two years, two for three years, and one for four years. Thereafter, such additional commissioners shall serve six-year terms as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

FF. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and in addition to any other authority granted by law, the governing authority of a parish having a population in excess of twenty thousand eight hundred but not more than twenty-two thousand persons based on the latest federal decennial census may appoint a physician who is an active member of the hospital medical staff of the district to the board of commissioners for a parish hospital service district. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the physician so appointed shall be designated as the physician member of the board of commissioners.

Acts 1988, No. 396, §1; Acts 1988, No. 768, §1; Acts 1988, No. 876, §1; Acts 2019, No. 396, §1; Acts 1990, No. 358, §1; Acts 1991, No. 339, §1; Acts 1991, No. 407, §1; Acts 1992, No. 475, §1; Acts 1992, No. 917, §1; Acts 1993, No. 4, §1; Acts 1993, No. 9, §1, eff. May 18, 1993; Acts 1993, No. 494, §3, eff. June 10, 1993; Acts 1995, No. 6, §1, eff. May 25, 1995; Acts 1995, No. 12, §1, eff. May 25, 1995; Acts 1995, No. 582, §1; Acts 1995, No. 934, §1; Acts 1995, No. 1174, §1; Acts 1995, No. 1267, §1; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 79, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1083, §2; Acts 2000, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. April 14, 2000; Acts 2001, No. 360, §1; Acts 2001, No. 687, §1, eff. July 1, 2001; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 18, §1; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 37, §1, eff. April 18, 2002; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 149, §1, eff. April 24, 2002; Acts 2003, No. 400, §§1 and 2, eff. June 18, 2003; Acts 2004, No. 592, §1, eff. July 1, 2004; Acts 2005, No. 313, §1, eff. June 29, 2005; Acts 2008, No. 98, §1; Acts 2011, No. 47, §1; Acts 2011, No. 286, §1, eff. June 28, 2011; Acts 2013, No. 138, §1; Acts 2014, No. 811, §24, eff. June 23, 2014; Acts 2017, No. 139, §1; Acts 2017, No. 149, §1; Acts 2017, No. 156, §1, eff. Feb. 1, 2019; Acts 2018, No. 52, §1; Acts 2018, No. 94, §1; Acts 2018, No. 153, §1, eff. May 15, 2018; Acts 2019, No. 62, §1, eff. June 3, 2019; Acts 2019, No. 346, §1; Acts 2022, No. 321, §§1, 2, eff. June 10, 2022; Acts 2023, No. 122, §1; Acts 2023, No. 232, §1, eff. July, 1, 2023.

NOTE: See Acts 2003, No. 562.

NOTE: See Acts 2006, No. 536.

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PART II. COMPETITION

SUBPART A. ENHANCED ABILITY TO COMPETE

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§1076. Medical staff representation on commission

Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 42:61 et seq. or any other law to the contrary, members of the medical staffs of hospital service district facilities may serve on the hospital service district commission.

Acts 1984, No. 322, §1.

§1076.1. Mandatory ethics training

As provided in R.S. 42:1170, certain hospital employees shall be exempt from mandatory ethics education and training.

Acts 2013, No. 422, §2.

TITLE 47. REVENUE AND TAXATION

CHAPTER 2. SALES TAX

**NOTE: This provision of law was included in the Unconstitutional Statutes Biennial Report to the Legislature, dated March 14, 2016.*

§301. Definitions

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(27) With respect to the furnishing of telecommunications and ancillary services, as used in this Chapter the following words, terms, and phrases have the meaning ascribed to them in this Paragraph, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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(x) "Telecommunications service" means the electronic transmission, conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio, video, or any other information or signals to a point, or between or among points. "Telecommunications service" includes the transmission, conveyance, or routing in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, code, or protocol of the content for purposes of transmission, conveyance, or routing without regard to whether the service is referred to as voice over internet protocol service or is classified by the Federal Communications Commission as an enhanced or value-added service. "Telecommunications service" does not include any of the following:

(i) Data processing or information services which allow data to be generated, acquired, stored, processed, or retrieved and delivered by an electronic transmission to a purchaser where such purchaser's primary purpose for the underlying transaction is the processed data or information.

(ii) Installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on a customer's premises.

(iii) Tangible personal property.

(iv) Advertising, including but not limited to directory advertising.

(v) Billing and collection services provided to third parties.

(vi) Internet access service.

(vii) Radio and television audio and video programming services, regardless of the medium, including the furnishing of transmission, conveyance, and routing of such services by the programming service provider. Radio and television audio and video programming services shall include but not be limited to cable service as defined in 47 U.S.C. 522(6) and audio and video programming services delivered by commercial mobile radio service providers, as defined in 47 CFR 20.3.

(viii) Ancillary services.

NOTE: Item (27)(x)(ix) as amended by Acts 2024, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 10. See §5 of the Act regarding provisions that in case of conflict, Act 11 from the same session controls.

(ix) Digital products, including but not limited to software, music, video, reading materials, or ring tones.

NOTE: Item (27)(x)(ix) as amended by Acts 2024, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 11. See §5 of Act 10 from the same session regarding provisions that in case of conflict, Act 11 controls.

(ix) Digital products delivered electronically, including but not limited to software, music, video, reading materials, or ring tones.

(x) Prepaid calling service and prepaid wireless calling service.

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Acts 1954, No. 143, §1; Acts 1954, No. 290, §1; Acts 1966, No. 124, §1; Acts 1966, No. 187, §1; Acts 1976, No. 90, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1977; Acts 1976, No. 92, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1977; Acts 1976, No. 481, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1977; Acts 1977, 1st Ex.Sess., No. 17, §1, eff. July 1, 1978; Acts 1978, No. 756, §1; Acts 1980, No. 137, §2; Acts 1983, No. 446, §1, eff. July 3, 1983; Acts 1984, No. 697, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1984; Acts 1984, No. 359, §1, eff. Sept 1, 1984; Acts 1985, No. 488, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1985; Acts 1985, No. 901, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1985; Acts 1987, No. 199, §1, eff. July 1, 1987; Acts 1987, No. 326, §1, eff. July 1, 1987; Acts 1987, No. 435, §1, eff. July 9, 1987; Acts 1988, No. 307, §1, eff. July 7, 1988; Acts 1988, No. 355, §1, eff. July 7, 1988; Acts 1989, No. 264, §1, eff., Aug. 1, 1989; Acts 1989, No. 331, §1; Acts 1989, No. 796, §1; Acts 1989, No. 833, §1; Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 10, §1; Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 14, §1, eff. Aug. 1, 1989; Acts 1990, No. 140, §1, eff. July 1, 1990; Acts 1990, No. 388, §1, eff. Aug. 1, 1990; Acts 1990, No. 403, §1; Acts 1990, No. 409, §1; Acts 1990, No. 444, §1; Acts 1990, No. 478, §1; Acts 1990, No. 719, §1, eff. July 1, 1990; Acts 1990, No. 724, §1, eff. July 1, 1990; Acts 1990, No. 817, §1; Acts 1990, No. 1030, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1991; Acts 1990, No. 1064, §1, eff. July 1, 1990; Acts 1991, No. 292, §1, eff. July 1, 1991; Acts 1991, No. 350, §1; Acts 1991, No. 388, §1, eff. July 8, 1991; Acts 1991, No. 772, §1, eff. July 1, 1991; Acts 1991, No. 1019, §1; Acts 1991, No. 1029, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1991; Acts 1992, No. 226, §1; Acts 1992, No. 514, §1; Acts 1992, No. 884, §1; Acts 1992, No. 926, §1, eff. July 1, 1992 (§301(10)(o)) and July 1, 1993 (§301(10)(n)); Acts 1994, No. 6, §1, eff. July 1, 1994; Acts 1994, No. 8, §1, eff. June 7, 1994; Acts 1994, No. 29, §1; Acts 1995, No. 284, §1, eff. July 1, 1995; Acts 1996, No. 7, §1, eff. July 1, 1996; Acts 1996, No. 12, §1, eff. July 1, 1996; Acts 1996, No. 15, §1, eff. July 1, 1997; Acts 1996, No. 20, §1, eff. July 1, 1996; Acts 1996, No. 28, §1, eff. July 1, 1996; Acts 1996, No. 29, §1, eff. July 2, 1996; Acts 1996, No. 33, §1, eff. July 2, 1996; Acts 1996, No. 43, §1, eff. July 2, 1996; Acts 1998, No. 10, §1, eff. June 30, 1998; Acts 1998, No. 21, §1, eff. June 29, 1998; Acts 1998, No. 22, §1, eff. July 1, 1998; Acts 1998, No. 37, §1, eff. June 24, 1998; Acts 1998, No. 40, §1; Acts 1998, No. 46, §1, eff. June 24, 1998; Acts 1998, No. 47, §1, eff. July 1, 1998; Acts 1998, No. 49, §1, eff. Aug. 1, 1998; Acts 1998, No. 58, §1, eff. July 1, 1998; Acts 1999, No. 1266, §1, eff. July 12, 1999; Acts 2000, No. 22, §§2 and 9, eff. June 15, 2000, §§8 and 10; Acts 2000, No. 30, §1; Acts 2000, No. 33, §2, eff. July 1, 2000; Acts 2000, No. 47, §1, eff. July 1, 2000; Acts 2001, No. 60, §1, eff. July 1, 2001; Acts 2001, No. 874, §1, eff. June 26, 2001; Acts 2001, No. 1175, §§1 and 3 (conditional eff. dates – see notes below); Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 3, §1, eff. July 1, 2002; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 5, §1, eff. July 1, 2002; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 7, §1, eff. July 1, 2002; Acts 2002, No. 56, §1, eff. July 1, 2002; Acts 2002, No. 58, §1, eff. June 25, 2002; Acts 2002, No. 61, §1, eff. June 25, 2002; Acts 2002, No. 64, §1, eff. June 30, 2002; Acts 2002, No. 67, §1, eff. July 1, 2002; Acts 2002, No. 70, §1, eff. July 1, 2002; Acts 2002, No. 71, §1, eff. June 25, 2002; Acts 2002, No. 85, §§1 and 2, eff. June 27, 2002; Acts 2003, No. 46, §1, eff. May 23, 2003; Acts 2003, No. 61, §1, eff. May 23, 2003; Acts 2003, No. 73, §1, eff. July 1, 2003; Acts 2003, No. 131, §2, eff. July 1, 2003; Acts 2004, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, §1, eff. Mar. 23, 2004, and §3, eff. July 1, 2004; Acts 2004, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 6, §1, eff. Mar. 25, 2004; Acts 2004, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 8, §1, eff. July 1, 2004; Acts 2004, No. 49, §1, eff. May 21, 2004; Acts 2005, No. 243, §1, eff. June 29, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 293, §1, eff. July 1, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 345, §1, eff. July 1, 2005 (Subparagraphs (10)(x) and (18)(l) eff. July 1, 2006 until June 30, 2012); Acts 2005, No. 362, §1, eff. July 1, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 364, §1, eff. June 30, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 357, §1, eff. June 30, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 377, §2, eff. June 30, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 393, §1, eff. July 1, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 410, §1; Acts 2005, No. 457, §1, eff. July 11, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 458, §1, eff. July 11, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 471, §1, eff. July 12, 2005; Acts 2005, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 48, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2006; Acts 2006, No. 41, §1; Acts 2007, No. 1, §1, eff. May 31, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 162, §1; Acts 2007, No. 173, §1, eff. June 27, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 339, §1, eff. July 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 358, §§1, 2, eff. Aug. 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 419, §1; Acts 2007, No. 427, §1, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2007, No. 429, §1, eff. June 30, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 430, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 462, §1, eff. July 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 471, §1, eff. July 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 480, §1; Acts 2008, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 1, §1, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2008, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. March 24, 2008; Acts 2008, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 12, §1, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2008, No. 743, §7, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2009, No. 206, §1, eff. June 30, 2009; Acts 2009, No. 442, §2, eff. July 1, 2009; Acts 2009, No. 443, §1, eff. July 1, 2009; Acts 2009, No. 450, §1, eff. July 1, 2009; Acts 2009, No. 456, §1, eff. July 1, 2009; Acts 2009, No. 459, §1, eff. July 1, 2009; Acts 2009, No. 466, §1; Acts 2009, No. 500, §1, eff. July 1, 2009, and §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2010; Acts 2011, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 42, §1; Acts 2011, No. 372, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 2011; Acts 2011, No. 374, §1; Acts 2012, No. 438, §1; Acts 2013, No. 158, §2, eff. June 7, 2013; Acts 2013, No. 172, §1, eff. July 1, 2013; Acts 2013, No. 305, §1; Acts 2013, No. 396, §1; Acts 2015, No. 1, §1, eff. May 22, 2015; Acts 2015, No. 90, §1; Acts 2015, No. 116, §1, eff. June 19, 2015; Acts 2016, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 17, §1, eff. July 1, 2016; Acts 2016, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 25, §1, eff. April 1, 2016; Acts 2016, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 26, §1, eff. April 1, 2016; Acts 2016, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 3, §1, eff. June 23, 2016; Acts 2017, No.*

279, §1, eff. July 1, 2017; Acts 2017, No. 340, §1, eff. June 22, 2017; Acts 2017, No. 378, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2018; Acts 2017, No. 424, §1, eff. June 26, 2017; Acts 2018, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 5, §1, eff. June 12, 2018; Acts 2018, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 1, §1, eff. July 1, 2018; Acts 2019, No. 331, §4, eff. July 1, 2019; Acts 2019, No. 360, §2; Acts 2019, No. 366, §1, eff. July 1, 2019; Acts 2020, No. 216, §2, eff. July 1, 2020; Acts 2020, No. 278, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2021; Acts 2021, No. 7, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 2021; Acts 2021, No. 166, §1, eff. July 1, 2021; Acts 2022, No. 72, §2; Acts 2023, No. 15, §1; Acts 2023, No. 150, §18, eff. Jan. 10, 2024; Acts 2023, No. 427, §1; Acts 2023, No. 429, §1; Acts 2024, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 5, §3, eff. Jan. 1, 2025; Acts 2024, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 10, §§1, 3, eff. Dec. 4, 2024; Acts 2024, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 11, §§2, 4, eff. Dec. 4, 2024.

**NOTE: Section 14 of Acts 2000, No. 22, provides that Sections 8 and 10 of the Act (affecting R.S. 47:301(14)(i)(iii)(cc) and (gg) and (i)(v)) will become effective "If it is determined by the legislature or by a court of competent jurisdiction that a regulatory authority has failed to assure that one hundred percent of the tax savings experienced by a telecommunication service provider, whose rates are regulated by such authority, inures proportionately to the benefit of all classes of customers of such provider as required by Section 7 of this Act, then Sections 8 and 10 of this Act shall become effective on the first day of the second month following the month in which such determination is made."*

NOTE: Re Paragraph (18)(a)(i) and (ii), see Acts 2000, No. 44, §§1 and 2.

NOTE: Section 5 of Acts 2001, No. 1175, provides that "The intent of this Act is to amend Louisiana law so that it conforms to the federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, P.L. 106-252, codified at 4 U.S.C., Sections 116 through 126. If it is determined by the legislative oversight committees of the Department of Revenue, which are set forth in R.S. 49:968, that a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final judgment on the merits that (1) is based on federal or state law; (2) is no longer subject to appeal; and (3) substantially limits or impairs the essential elements of Section 1 or 2 of this Act, then the provisions enacted by such Sections shall be repealed, and Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall be effective, all as of the date of entry of such judgment."

NOTE: Re Subparagraphs (10)(v), (13)(g), and (18)(i), see Acts 2002, No. 85, §3.

NOTE: See Acts 2004, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, §4(C).

NOTE: See Acts 2009, No. 442, §§3 and 4.

NOTE: See Acts 2009, No. 456, §2.

NOTE: See Acts 2009, No. 459, §2.

NOTE: See Acts 2016, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 26, §2, regarding applicability.

NOTE: See Acts 2016, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 3, §2, regarding retroactivity.

NOTE: See Acts 2018, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 5, §2 and Acts 2019, No. 360, §2, regarding applicability.

CHAPTER 17. BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§1417. Recusal; board members

A. In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, a board member may voluntarily recuse himself and withdraw from any proceeding in which he cannot accord a fair and impartial hearing or consideration.

B.(1) Any party may also request the recusal of a board member by filing a motion for recusal promptly upon learning of the basis for the disqualification, stating with particularity the grounds upon which it is claimed that a fair and impartial hearing cannot be accorded.

(2) The issue shall be determined promptly by the remaining board members in accordance with the rules of the Code of Civil Procedure concerning the recusal of district judges.

C.(1) Upon the entry of an order of recusal concerning a board member or members, the remaining board members may hear and decide the case, or the chairman may assign the case to be heard in accordance with R.S. 47:1403(B)(2), and the board member acting as hearing judge shall render the judgment of the board.

(2) If all board members are recused, the chairman shall promptly notify the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, who shall appoint a retired judge to adjudicate the case as a hearing judge ad hoc for the board and to render the judgment of the board in the matter. For purposes of this Subsection, any person who has held office as a judge pursuant to Article V, Section 22 of the Constitution of Louisiana may be appointed. The retired judge shall be compensated pursuant to R.S. 11:1384 as for a district court from funds available to the board, and these expenses may be assessed as costs.

(3) Upon entry of an order of recusal concerning the board member presiding over a case in the Local Tax Division, the case shall be reassigned to be heard in accordance with Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, or, upon a joint motion of all parties it may either be heard pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or be transferred to the district court of proper venue.

D. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, if any member of the board is recused from a case pursuant to this Section, he may continue to serve as a member of the board while the remainder of the board adjudicates a taxpayer's appeal or claim, but the board member shall have no participation or involvement in any case in which he is recused.

Acts 2014, No. 640, §2, eff. June 12, 2014.

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CHAPTER 3. ASSESSMENT

PART III. ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

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§1979. Listing and assessment of certain property in which the assessor, a member of the Louisiana Tax Commission, or an immediate family member of either has an interest

A. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a tax assessor and members of his immediate family as defined in R.S. 42:1102 may own property within the parish or district in the jurisdiction of the assessor. If a tax assessor or a member of his immediate family owns property within his jurisdiction, such assessor

shall assess the property in accordance with all applicable provisions of law. For the purposes of this Section, "own" shall include a direct ownership, or ownership in part or through any legal entity. The tax assessor shall submit all such assessments to the Louisiana Tax Commission within thirty calendar days after the filing of the assessor's assessment roll with the Louisiana Tax Commission and the commission shall review those assessments for compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

B. The members of the Louisiana Tax Commission shall file the same report required in R.S. 47:1979(A) and shall list the ownership of all property within the state owned by him or a member of his immediate family as defined in R.S. 42:1102 along with the assessment of such property shown on the appropriate assessment roll. The report shall be filed with the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the Legislative Audit Advisory Council no later than December fifteenth of each calendar year. A copy of the report shall also be maintained with the reports the tax assessors of the state are required to file.

Acts 2003, No. 670, §1, eff. June 27, 2003; Acts 2004, No. 71, §1, eff. May 28, 2004.

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CHAPTER 8. LOTTERY CRIMES, PENALTIES, AND PROHIBITED ACTS

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§9072. Prohibitions; restrictions upon political activities of officers and certain vendors; subsequent employment by vendors

A. The corporation, members of the board of directors, officers of the corporation, and any vendor of computer services to the corporation shall not directly or indirectly organize, participate in, contribute to, endorse, campaign for or against, support, or oppose any proposition, a political action committee, elected official, or a candidate for public office, or ask or solicit another person to do any of those acts.

B. No person who receives goods, services, monies, or rights having monetary value in excess of fifty dollars pursuant to any contract with the corporation, and no agent, officer, employee, shareholder, or partner of such person, shall pay money or service, or other thing of value, to or for the benefit of any agent, or officer, or employee of the corporation, or to any person having the authority to appoint or to confirm the appointment of any agent, officer, and employee of the corporation on account of, in consideration for, or to induce the corporation to enter into any contract or make such appointment or selection.

C. No former member of the board or officer of the corporation, or a corporation or other entity owned in whole or in part by a former board member or corporation officer, shall solicit or accept employment or enter into a contract for compensation of any kind with a vendor of the corporation within two years after termination of service with the corporation.

D. The name of any individual who is a board member or an officer or an employee of the corporation shall not appear upon any lottery ticket, lottery game, lottery form, or paper used in playing any lottery game.

E. Violation of any provision of this Section by a member of the board or an officer of the corporation shall constitute cause for removal from office or dismissal from employment.

F. The provisions of Subsections A and E of this Section shall not apply to ex officio members of the board of directors.

G. The state agency responsible for the administration and enforcement of ethics laws for public employees shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Section. The procedures and penalties

provided for in the Code of Governmental Ethics shall apply to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Section.

Acts 1990, No. 1045, §1, eff. Nov. 7, 1990; Acts 1992, No. 685, §1; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 64, §7, eff. Jan. 1, 1997.

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RULES OF ORDER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CHAPTER 4. MEMBERS AND QUORUM

Rule 4.8. Required financial reports; contempt; penalties

A.(1) Failure to file a financial disclosure report as required by law shall constitute contempt of the House of Representatives.

(2) By not later than thirty days after the due date of the required report, the Clerk shall advise the members of the House of the names of those members who have not filed a financial disclosure report as required by law. Any member or members may introduce a Resolution initiating procedures to find a member who has failed to file in contempt of the House of Representatives by reason of failure to file the required report. Such Resolution shall set forth the facts concerning the failure of the member to file the report and shall set out the facts and evidence which are the basis for instituting the action to find the member in contempt. Such Resolution shall be subject to the procedures as provided in Paragraph B below.

B. A Resolution introduced pursuant to this Rule shall not be deemed to be a perfunctory resolution, and shall be referred to and heard by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs. Notice of such hearing shall be served by the sergeant at arms upon the member cited or on his attorney not less than five days prior to the date of the hearing. At such hearing, the member cited or his attorney shall be permitted to offer any explanation, evidence in mitigation, or defense which may be relevant. Thereafter, such Resolution shall follow the ordinary procedure of a House Resolution. Final passage of the Resolution shall be by record vote.

C. Upon adoption of a Resolution finding a member in contempt of the House of Representatives as provided in this Rule, the House shall establish the penalty to be assessed for the contemptuous behavior by adoption of a motion. Such penalty shall be a fine of not in excess of one thousand dollars and suspension of payment of all compensation from the House of Representatives until the required report is filed. Enforcement of the judgment shall be by rule to make the same executory instituted before the Nineteenth Judicial District Court.

HR 13, 1st Ex. Sess., 1975; HR 15, 1st Ex. Sess., 1975; HR 28, 1991; HR 20, 1992; HR 1, 1994; HR 3, 1999.