#### NOTICE OF INTENT

# Department of Civil Service Board of Ethics

Spousal Income Disclosure Statement (LAC 52:I.1319)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, has initiated rulemaking procedures and is proposing to adopt a Rule regarding disclosure forms filed pursuant to R.S. 42:1111(C)(5).

# Title 52 ETHICS

# Part I. Board of Ethics

# **Chapter 13.** Records and Reports

# §1319. Disclosures Filed Pursuant to R.S. 42:1111(C)(5)

- A. Disclosures filed pursuant to R.S. 42:1111(C)(5) shall:
- 1. be in writing and on a form provided by the board or a form which is substantially similar to the form provided by the board;

- 2. contain the following:
- a. name and mailing address of public servant and their spouse;
- b. position held by the public servant and the name of the public servant's agency;
- c. name and mailing address of public servant's spouse's employer;
  - d. date of public servant's spouse's employment;
  - e. date public servant began public service;
- f. brief description of the nature of the contractual, business, or financial relationship between the public servant's spouse's employer and with the public servant's agency;
- g. start date of relationship between public servant's spouse's employer and public servant's agency; and,
  - h. certification that:
- i. the public servant's spouse is a salaried or wage earning employee;
- ii. the public servant's spouse's compensation is substantially unaffected by a contractual or other business or financial relationship with the public servant's agency;
- iii. neither the public servant nor the public servant's spouse are an owner, officer, director, trustee, or partner in the legal entity that has or is seeking to have the relationship with the public servant's agency;
- iv. the public servant will recuse or disqualify themselves from participating in the transaction in accordance with R.S. 42:1112; and,
- v. the public servant's spouse will comply with the disclosure requirements in La. R.S. 42:1114.
- i. signature by the public servant and the public servant's spouse certifying that the information contained in the form is true and correct to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.
  - j. date of signature.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:1134(A).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, LR 49:

#### **Family Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule changes have no known impact on family formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

#### **Poverty Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule changes have no known impact on poverty, as described in R.S. 49:973.

# **Small Business Analysis**

The proposed Rule should not have any known or adverse impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:978.5.

# **Provider Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may direct their comments to Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821, telephone (225) 219-5600, until 4:45 p.m. on April 10, 2023.

Kathleen M. Allen Ethics Administrator

# FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

# **RULE TITLE: Spousal Income Disclosure Statement**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule facilitates disclosure requirements and codifies the Board of Ethics rules to recent changes in statute. Act 272 of the 2021 Regular Session added R.S. 42:1111(C)(5), which allows a public servant's spouse to maintain their employment with a person that has a contractual, business or financial relationship with the public servant's agency provided certain stipulations are met. The proposed rule enables these provisions and filing requirements to comply with statute. The only estimated cost to implement the proposed rule is \$320 in FY 22-23, which includes the cost to publish the Notice of Intent and the proposed rule in the State Register.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will require directly affected persons to file a disclosure form with the Board of Ethics.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

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