

NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Civil Service
Board of Ethics**

Food and Drink Limit (LAC 52:I.1703)

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 to make amendments to the rules for the Board of Ethics to bring the rules into compliance with current statutory provisions and Section 1115.1(C) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Title 52

ETHICS

Part 1. Board of Ethics

Chapter 17. Code of Governmental Ethics

§1703. Food and Drink Limit

A. In accordance with R.S. 42:1115.1(C), beginning on July 1, 2026, the limit for food, drink or refreshments provided in R.S. 42:1115.1A and B is \$84.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:1115.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, LR 36:304 (February 2010), amended LR 36:1466 (July 2010), LR 38:1951 (August 2012), LR 39:3062 (November 2013), LR 40:1678 (September 2014), LR 41:1262 (July 2015), LR 44:1237 (July 2018), LR 45:868 (July 2019), LR 46:892 (July 2020), LR 47:852 (July 2021), LR 48:1904 (July 2022), LR 49:1207 (July 2023), LR 50:1162 (August 2024), LR 51:951 (July 2025), LR 52:

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 David Bordelon, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821, telephone (225) 219-5600, until 4:45 p.m. on May 10, 2026.

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

RULE TITLE: Food and Drink Limit

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

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any cost or savings to the state or local government units, other than the cost to publish the Notice of Intent and the rule in the State Register.

The proposed rule provides for raising the monetary limit on the receipt of food and drink by a public employee and public servant from \$81 to \$84 due to an increase in the unadjusted Consumer Price Index. This increase goes into effect on July 1, 2026.

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

The proposed rule change has 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 change affects all public employees and public servants by setting a standard monetary limit on the receipt of food and drink.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change has no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

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