2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 496

BY REPRESENTATIVE SELDERS

ETHICS: Allows public employees of a political subdivision that operates parks and recreational facilities to rent facilities at a discounted rate subject to certain conditions

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1123(44), relative to ethics; to provide an exception from ethics laws to allow certain public employees of a political subdivision that operates parks and recreation facilities to rent park facilities at a discounted rate under certain conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 44:1123(44) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1123. Exceptions

This Part shall not preclude:

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(44)(a) ~~A~~ An immediate family member of a governing authority member or public employee of a political subdivision that operates parks or recreational facilities ~~or an immediate family member of such a person~~ from renting a park or recreation facility under the supervision or jurisdiction of the political subdivision for an event provided that the transaction is conducted without preference and in the same manner and subject to the same fees and conditions applicable to the general public.

(b) A governing authority member of a political subdivision that operates parks or recreational facilities from renting a park or recreation facility under the

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supervision or jurisdiction of the political subdivision for an event provided that the transaction is conducted without preference and in the same manner and subject to the same fees and conditions applicable to the general public.

(c) A public employee, excluding any appointed board or commission member, of a political subdivision that operates parks or recreational facilities from renting a park or recreation facility under the supervision or jurisdiction of the political subdivision for an event at a discounted fee or rate provided that the transaction is conducted without preference and in the same manner and, other than the discount, subject to the same conditions applicable to the general public.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows a public employee of a political subdivision that operates parks or recreational facilities to rent a park facility for an event at a discounted rate or fee provided that the transaction is conducted without preference and in the same manner and, other than the discount, subject to the same conditions applicable to the general public.

Present law (R.S. 42:1113(A) and (B) - ethics code) prohibits a public servant or his immediate family member from entering into a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of the public servant and further prohibits an appointed board or commission member or a member of his immediate family from entering into or being in anyway interested in a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the board or commission. Present law provides certain exceptions.

Present law provides an exception to allow a governing authority member or public employee of a political subdivision that operates parks or recreational facilities or an immediate family member of such a person to rent a park or recreation facility under the supervision or jurisdiction of the political subdivision for an event provided that the transaction is conducted without preference and in the same manner and subject to the same fees and conditions applicable to the general public.

Proposed law retains present law relative to governing authority members and immediate family members, but provides an additional exception to allow a public employee, excluding an appointed board or commission member, of a political subdivision that operates parks or recreational facilities to rent a park or recreation facility under the supervision or jurisdiction of the political subdivision for an event at a discounted rate or fee provided that the transaction is conducted without preference and in the same manner and, other than the discount, subject to the same conditions applicable to the general public.

(Amends R.S. 42:1123(44))

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