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2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 197

BY SENATOR WHITE

ETHICS. Allows groundwater district commission members appointed by certain entities that furnish water for rural or municipal use to be employees of such entities. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1123(47), relative to certain members of the boards of commissioners of groundwater districts; to provide for exceptions to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:1123(47) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1123. Exceptions

This Part shall not preclude:

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(47) A member of the board of commissioners of a groundwater district who is nominated by an industrial user or by a privately owned entity that furnishes water for rural or municipal use within the district and who is appointed or commissioned by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, all pursuant to law, and who, at the time of nomination, is employed by, rendering compensated services to, or participating in a transaction with the member's respective nominating entity from being employed by, rendering compensated services to, or participating in transactions with the member's respective

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nominating entity.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be considered remedial and interpretive and shall be applied retroactively and prospectively.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

DIGEST

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Proposed law provides, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law including the Code of Governmental Ethics, a member of the board of commissioners of a groundwater district nominated by an industrial user within the district, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, who, at the time of nomination is employed by, rendering compensated services to, or participating in a transaction with the member's respective nominating entity, may continue to be employed by, render compensated services to, or participate in transactions with the member's respective nominating entity.

Proposed law is to be considered remedial and interpretive and applied retroactively and prospectively.

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

(Adds R.S. 42:1123(47))

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