

SENATE BILL NO. 441

BY SENATOR FESI

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:451.4 and 586, relative to public officers; to provide for qualification of
3 local candidates; to provide relative to the retirement or resignation of an elected
4 official; to provide relative to an appointment or election to fill a vacancy created by
5 such a retirement or resignation; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for an
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:451.4 and 586 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§451.4. Qualifications of candidates for local offices; prohibitions**

10 **No public employee as defined in R.S. 42:1102 who receives an annual**
11 **salary from his public employer in excess of one hundred thousand dollars may**
12 **qualify as a local candidate as defined in R.S. 18:452 while concurrently serving**
13 **as a public employee. The one-hundred-thousand-dollar limit shall be increased**
14 **each year in an amount equal to any increase in the CPI-U for the preceding**
15 **calendar year.**

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17 **§586. Vacancies caused by retirement or resignation; prohibitions**

18 **A. No elected official who has retired or resigned from state or local**
19 **elective office shall be appointed to succeed himself in the office from which he**
20 **retired or resigned.**

21 **B. No elected official who has retired or resigned from state or local**
22 **elective office shall be eligible as a candidate at an election called to fill the**
23 **vacancy created by the retirement or resignation of the elected official.**

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____