

include the amount of income or value of any thing of economic value to be derived or, if the actual amount is unknown at the time the statement is due, reasonably expected to be derived from the contract or subcontract for the first calendar year of the contract or subcontract.

(3)(a) After filing the initial disclosure statement, the elected or appointed official or immediate family member shall file the disclosure statements required by this Subsection with the Board of Ethics no later than May fifteenth each year and shall include such information for the previous calendar year.

(b) An elected or appointed official or immediate family member subject to the provisions of this Section shall be required to file the annual disclosure statements required by this Subsection until a disclosure statement is filed after the completion of the contract or subcontract subject to disclosure, or the person filing such statements, or to whom the immediate family member is related is no longer an elected or appointed official, whichever occurs first.

(c) Annual disclosure statements shall not be required for the receipt of things of economic value pursuant to contracts entered into prior to an elected or appointed official taking office; however, if an elected or appointed official or immediate family member thereof receives or reasonably expects to receive a thing of economic value otherwise required to be disclosed by this Section pursuant to the renewal of such a contract or subcontract occurring after the official takes office, such official or immediate family member shall file a disclosure statement no later than thirty days after such renewal in accordance with Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and annually thereafter in accordance with this Subsection.

(d) All disclosure statements filed pursuant to this Section shall be a matter of public record.

(4)(a) Failure to file a statement, failure to timely file a statement, failure to disclose required information, filing a false statement, or engaging in a subterfuge to avoid the disclosure requirements of this Section shall subject a person required to file to penalties as provided by this Chapter.

(b) In addition to other applicable penalties, whoever fails to file a statement required by this Section, or knowingly and willfully fails to timely file any such statement, or knowingly and willfully fails to disclose or to accurately disclose any information required by this Section shall be assessed a civil penalty in accordance with R.S. 42:1157 for each day until such statement or the required accurate information is filed. The amount of the penalty shall be one hundred dollars per day.

(c) In addition to other applicable penalties, whoever enters into separate contracts valued at two thousand five hundred dollars or less as a subterfuge to avoid the disclosure requirements of this Section shall be subject to the penalties of R.S. 42:1153.

D. For the purposes of this Section, the term "appointed state official" or "appointed official" shall mean a person holding an office in any branch of state government or other position on a state agency, board, or commission or any executive office of any state agency, board, commission, or department which is specifically established or specifically authorized by the constitution or laws of this state or by executive order of the governor and which is filled by appointment or election by an elected or appointed public official or by a governmental body composed of such officials of this state.

E. Nothing in this Section shall require the disclosure of any thing of economic value received from an individual assistance claim.

Acts 2005, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 18, §1, eff. Nov. 29, 2005; Acts 2006, No. 412, §1, eff. June 15, 2006; Acts 2008, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 2, §1, eff. March 3, 2008; Acts 2008, No. 514, §1, eff. June 30, 2008.

NOTE: *See Acts 2008, No. 514, §5, for applicability.*

§1115. Gifts

A. No public servant shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any thing of economic value as a gift or gratuity from any person or from any officer, director, agent, or employee of such person, if such public servant knows or reasonably should know that such person:

(1) Has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the public servant's agency, or

(2) Is seeking, for compensation, to influence the passage or defeat of legislation by the public servant's agency.

B. No public employee shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, anything of economic value as a gift or gratuity from any person or from any officer, director, agent, or employee of such person, if such public employee knows or reasonably should know that such person:

(1) Conducts operations or activities which are regulated by the public employee's agency.

(2) Has substantial economic interests which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the public employee's official duty.

Acts 1979, No. 443, §1, eff. April 1, 1980; Acts 1983, No. 403, §1; Acts 1987, No. 730, §1.

§1115.1. Limitation on food, drink, and refreshment

A. No person from whom a public servant is prohibited by R.S. 42:1111 or 1115(A) from receiving a thing of economic value shall give to such a public servant any food, drink, or refreshment the total value of which exceeds fifty dollars for a single event at which food, drink, or refreshment is given. The total value of the food, drink, or refreshment given to a public servant at any single event shall not exceed fifty dollars regardless of the number of persons subject to the provisions of this Subsection giving food, drink, or refreshment to the public servant at the single event.

B. No person from whom a public employee is prohibited by R.S. 42:1111 or 1115(B) from receiving a thing of economic value shall give to such a public employee any food, drink, or refreshment the total value of which exceeds fifty dollars for a single event at which food, drink, or refreshment is given. The total value of the food, drink, or refreshment given to a public employee at any single event shall not exceed fifty dollars regardless of the number of persons subject to the provisions of this Subsection giving food, drink, or refreshment to the public employee at the single event.

C. Beginning on July 1, 2009, and on July first of each year thereafter, when there has been an increase in the unadjusted Consumer Price Index (CPI-U)(Food and Beverage) as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in January each year, the limit of fifty dollars for food, drink or refreshments provided in Subsections A and B of this Section shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which that price index is increased. The amount of the increase shall be rounded off to the nearest dollar. The food, drink, or refreshment limit shall be adjusted by the Board of Ethics according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U)(Food and Beverage) and adopted and promulgated as a rule or regulation by the board in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 42:1134(A).

D. For purposes of this Section, at an event to which a group or organization of public servants is invited and at which food, drink, or refreshment is given, the value of the food, drink, or refreshment provided to a public servant shall be determined by dividing the total cost of the food, drink, and refreshment provided at the event by the total number of persons invited, whether formally or informally, and which is communicated in any manner or form, to the event.

E. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) A gathering held in conjunction with a meeting related to a national or regional organization or a meeting of a statewide organization of governmental officials or employees provided that at least ten persons associated with the organization are invited to the gathering.

(2) The participation of a public servant of a post-secondary education institution at an event held for the purpose of soliciting donations or contributions of private funds for the benefit of that public servant's agency.

F. For purposes of this Section, the following terms and phrases shall have the following meanings: