

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current state law there are no revolving door limitations on the post-employment activities of county and other local officials and employees who may exercise undue influence on their former employees and colleagues. This bill is meant to prevent undue influence from former local and county officials or employees in a county with more than 3.3 million people by prohibiting a former county employee or official from lobbying in the official's or employee's former place of work for two years. This bill would mirror current state law regulating such post-employment activities of former state officials and employees.

As proposed, S.B. 2468 amends current law relating to the post-employment activities of county and other local public officials.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 171, Local Government Code, by adding Section 171.011, as follows:

Sec. 171.011. POST-EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES. (a) Prohibits a former local public official of a county, a precinct, a flood control district, or a hospital district, in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, from making any communication to or appearance before the commissioners court or other governing body under which the official served, or any other official thereof, with the intent to influence official action on behalf of another before the second anniversary of the date the former official terminated employment or left office, or representing any person or receiving compensation for services rendered on behalf of any person regarding a particular matter in which the official personally participated or over which official had responsibility during the period of the official's public service.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.