

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER

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Holding a Political Office or Appointment

Purpose

The By-Laws of the LSU Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University System (System) currently require that full-time employees of the System shall not accept any appointive political office nor seek or hold any elective remunerative office, without the consent of the President (see Section 2-12 of the Bylaw and Regulations). Various state laws including the state ethics code govern an employee's ability to hold political office. The holding of a particular political office also may constitute a conflict of interest depending on an employee's job function and duties.

Additionally, it is the general policy of the LSU AgCenter that parish chairs and agents not seek or serve in any parish elected political office due to conflict of interest issues that may arise with agents receiving direct financial support from parish government(s) (i.e., police juries/councils and/or school boards).

Note that the Civil Service restrictions on political activity by classified employees prohibit those employees from becoming candidates for nomination or election to public office.

Procedure

For these reasons and due the numerous types of political offices, it shall be the policy of the AgCenter that full-time and part-time employees wishing to seek or accept any political office or appointment must submit a written request *through channels* to the chancellor. Requests requiring approval of the LSU System President will be forwarded accordingly. This procedure will allow for review of the specific political office or appointment in question.