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SYNOPSIS

Bars certain public officials from holding elective public office and participating in political activities for three years.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/1/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning elective public office and certain political
2 activity, and amending P.L.1964, c.168, and supplementing
3 P.L.1948, c.439 (C.52:17B-1 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1964, c.168 (C.2A:158-21) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. No county prosecutor, assistant prosecutor or legal
11 assistant to a prosecutor, while holding any such office or position,
12 shall (1) be a candidate for election to, or hold, any elective public
13 office or any office or position with any political party or club, or
14 (2) in connection with the candidacy of any person for public
15 office, sign or authorize the use of his name in connection with
16 political or campaign literature or material, or print or publish in
17 order to distribute such political or campaign literature or
18 material~~];~~ provided, however, that the prohibition against holding
19 office contained in this act shall not prevent any individual, holding
20 or filling any such office as of the effective date of this act, from
21 completing any term of office for which he has heretofore been
22 elected or chosen; and provided further that nothing herein
23 contained shall be construed to prohibit any such prosecutor,
24 assistant prosecutor or legal assistant from being a candidate for
25 election to, or from holding, the office or position of delegate or
26 alternate to the national convention of any political party~~]~~.

27 b. A person who holds the position of county prosecutor,
28 assistant prosecutor, or legal assistant to a prosecutor shall not be a
29 candidate for, or hold, elective public office for a period of three
30 years immediately following the termination of that person's
31 service as county prosecutor, assistant prosecutor, or legal assistant
32 to a prosecutor.

33 (cf: P.L.1964, c.168, s.1)
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35 2. (New section) a. No person who holds the position of
36 Attorney General, First Assistant Attorney General, or any position
37 of employment as professional staff in the Office of the Attorney
38 General in the Department of Law and Public Safety, while holding
39 any such office or position, shall: (1) be a candidate for election to,
40 or hold, any elective public office or any office or position with any
41 political party or club, or (2) in connection with another
42 individual's candidacy for public office, sign, or authorize the use
43 of that person's name in connection with political or campaign
44 literature or material, or print, publish, or distribute such political or
45 campaign literature or material.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

