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Mr. Ray Pynes, President
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78 - Officers - Dual Officeholding
LSA-R.S. 42:61 et seq., LSA-R.S. 42:63(9), LSA-R.S.
38:2324(A), LSA-R.S. 42:63(D)
An elected police juror to Vernon Parish may simultaneously
hold the part-time appointive position of commissioner to the
Sabine River Authority.

Dear Mr. Pynes:

You have requested an Attorney General's opinion on whether an elected police juror for Vernon Parish may be appointed as a commissioner to the Sabine River Authority.

Under Louisiana's Dual Officeholding Laws, LSA-R.S. 42:61 et seq., a parish is a political subdivision of the state. LSA-R.S.42:63(9). LSA-R.S.38:2324(A) designates the Sabine River Authority as an agency and instrumentality of the state.

LSA-R.S. 42:63(D), in part, states, "[n]o person holding an elective office in a political subdivision of this state shall at the same time hold another elective office or full-time appointive office in the government of this state or in the government of a political subdivision thereof."

It is our understanding that commissioners to the Sabine River Authority hold part-time appointive offices. The position of police juror to Vernon Parish is an elected office to a political subdivision of the state.

Therefore, by application of the dual officeholding provisions cited above, an elected police juror to Vernon Parish may simultaneously hold the part-time appointive position of commissioner to the Sabine River Authority.

I trust this addresses your concerns. Please contact this office should you require further assistance.

Yours very truly,

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