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Amendment to extend the prohibition of representation to avoid conflicts of interest:

Under current law, a legislator who votes to elect, appoint, recommend or confirm an individual to a state agency, board or commission cannot represent a client for a fee in a contested case before that state entity for a period of 12 months. This requirement is found in 8-13-745(A).

The McMaster-Medlock Commission recommended extending the existing time period of 12 months to 24 months. The Commission made this recommendation to avoid conflicts of interest where a public official could use their office for private gain. Public officials shouldn't make decisions in office that could allow you or your business to gain later on down the road.

Lengthening the time period will further reduce the likelihood of an actual or apparent conflict of interest.