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# **Nepotism**

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### Nepotism

## Private Acts of 1931 Chapter 561

**SECTION 1**. That after one (1) month from the passage of this Act it shall be unlawful for any public officer, in counties of this State having a population of more than 300,000, according to the Federal Census of 1930, or any subsequent Federal Census, to employ as deputies or subordinates more than one (1) relative, connected by affinity or consanguinity, within the third degree, computed according to the civil law.

**SECTION 2.** That any violation of this Act shall constitute a misdemeanor in office and shall be punished as such.

**SECTION 3.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, according to its terms, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: June 23, 1931.

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