

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to ethics; amending s. 112.324, F.S.;  
 3           authorizing the Commission on Ethics or a member of  
 4           the commission to refer possible ethics violations for  
 5           investigation; providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 112.324, Florida  
 10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11           112.324 Procedures on complaints of violations and  
 12 referrals; public records and meeting exemptions.—

13           (1) The commission shall investigate an alleged violation  
 14 of this part or other alleged breach of the public trust within  
 15 the jurisdiction of the commission as provided in s. 8(f), Art.  
 16 II of the State Constitution:

17           (a) Upon a written complaint executed on a form prescribed  
 18 by the commission and signed under oath or affirmation by any  
 19 person; or

20           (b) Upon receipt of a written referral of a possible  
 21 violation of this part or other possible breach of the public  
 22 trust from the Governor, the Department of Law Enforcement, a  
 23 state attorney, ~~or~~ a United States Attorney, or the commission  
 24 or a member thereof, which at least six members of the  
 25 commission determine is sufficient to indicate a violation of  
 26 this part or any other breach of the public trust.

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28 Within 5 days after receipt of a complaint by the commission or  
29 a determination by at least six members of the commission that  
30 the referral received is deemed sufficient, a copy shall be  
31 transmitted to the alleged violator.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.