

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Legislature; amending s.
3 11.111, F.S.; providing for the continuance of
4 certain proceedings that involve a member of
5 the Legislature and conflict with scheduled
6 activity of a legislative committee; specifying
7 the period of the continuance which applies
8 when the Legislature is not in session;
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 11.111, Florida Statutes, is
14 amended to read:

15 11.111 Continuance of certain causes for term of
16 Legislature and period of time prior and subsequent thereto
17 and committee workdays.--

18 (1) Any proceeding before any court, municipality, or
19 agency of government of this state shall stand continued,
20 without the continuance being charged against any party,
21 during any session of the Legislature and for a period of time
22 15 days prior to any session of the Legislature and 15 days
23 subsequent to the conclusion of any session of the
24 Legislature, and during any period of scheduled committee
25 activity while the Legislature is not in session ~~required~~
26 ~~committee work~~ and for a period of time 1 day prior and 1 day
27 subsequent thereto, when either attorney representing the
28 litigants is a legislator or when a member of the Legislature
29 is a party or witness or is scheduled to appear before any
30 municipal government, administrative board, or agency, when
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1 notice to that effect is given to the convening authority by
2 such member.

3 (2) The time period for determining the right to a
4 speedy trial shall be tolled during the period of the
5 continuance, but the providing of such a continuance does
6 ~~shall not waive act as a waiver to~~ the right to a speedy
7 trial. The immunity ~~herein~~ granted in this section shall, upon
8 the filing of a notice by the witness, extend to any member
9 not an attorney who is engaged in any proceeding before any
10 court or any state, county, or municipal agency or board in a
11 representative capacity for any individual or group or as a
12 witness in any proceeding.

13 (3) After the ~~said~~ notice has been filed by a member
14 of the Legislature called as a witness, the proceeding may
15 proceed notwithstanding such notice if the party calling such
16 member as a witness agrees ~~shall agree~~.

17 (4) The continuance provided for herein shall be
18 granted upon filing of a verified pleading or affidavit.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
20 law.

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