

By Senator Cowin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Commission on Ethics;
3 amending s. 112.321, F.S.; restricting lobbying
4 activities of members of the Commission on
5 Ethics; providing exceptions; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 112.321, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 112.321 Membership, terms; travel expenses; staff.--

13 (1) The commission shall be composed of nine members.
14 Five of these members shall be appointed by the Governor, no
15 more than three of whom shall be from the same political
16 party, subject to confirmation by the Senate. One member
17 appointed by the Governor shall be a former city or county
18 official and may be a former member of a local planning or
19 zoning board which has only advisory duties. Two members
20 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives, and two members shall be appointed by the
22 President of the Senate. Neither the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives nor the President of the Senate shall appoint
24 more than one member from the same political party. Of the
25 nine members of the Commission, no more than five members
26 shall be from the same political party at any one time. No
27 member may hold any public employment. An individual who is a
28 lobbyist at the state or local government level may not serve
29 as a member of the commission, except that this prohibition
30 does not apply to an individual who is a member of the
31 commission on June 1, 2003, until the expiration of his or her

1 current term. A member of the commission may not lobby any
2 state or local governmental entity while he or she is a member
3 of the commission, except that this prohibition does not apply
4 to an individual who is a member of the commission on June 1,
5 2003, until the expiration of his or her current term.All
6 members shall serve 2-year terms. No member shall serve more
7 than two full terms in succession. Any member of the
8 commission may be removed for cause by majority vote of the
9 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
10 House of Representatives, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme
11 Court.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
13 law.

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15 SENATE SUMMARY

16 Prohibits a lobbyist at the state or local government
17 level from serving on the Commission on Ethics and
18 prohibits a member of the commission from lobbying a
19 state or local governmental entity. Provides an exception
20 for a member of the commission on June 1, 2003, until the
21 expiration of his or her term.
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