

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senators Cowin and Fasano

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Commission on Ethics; amending s. 112.321, F.S.; restricting lobbying activities of members of the Commission on Ethics; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

(1) The commission shall be composed of nine members. Five of these members shall be appointed by the Governor, no more than three of whom shall be from the same political party, subject to confirmation by the Senate. One member appointed by the Governor shall be a former city or county official and may be a former member of a local planning or zoning board which has only advisory duties. Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. Neither the Speaker of the House of Representatives nor the President of the Senate shall appoint more than one member from the same political party. Of the nine members of the Commission, no more than five members shall be from the same political party at any one time. No member may hold any public employment. An individual who qualifies as a lobbyist pursuant to s. 11.045 or s. 112.3215 or any local government charter or ordinance, may not serve as a member of the commission, except that this prohibition does not apply to an individual who is a member of the commission

CODING:Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 on June 1, 2003, until the expiration of his or her current
2 term. A member of the commission may not lobby any state or
3 local governmental entity as provided in s. 11.045 or s.
4 112.3215 or any local government charter or ordinance, except
5 that this prohibition does not apply to an individual who is a
6 member of the commission on June 1, 2003, until the expiration
7 of his or her current term.All members shall serve 2-year
8 terms. No member shall serve more than two full terms in
9 succession. Any member of the commission may be removed for
10 cause by majority vote of the Governor, the President of the
11 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
12 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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

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16 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
18 SB 1578

19 The Committee Substitute differs from the original bill in
20 that it: specifically references provisions defining the term
"lobbyist" and lobbying activities.
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