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12	Representative Brutus offered the following:
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14	Amendment (with title amendments)
15	Between lines 441 & 442, insert:
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17	Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 26.012,
18	Florida Statutes, to read:
19	26.012 Jurisdiction of circuit court
20	(5) A circuit court is a trial court.
21	Section 2. Section 27.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to
22	read:
23	27.06 Habeas corpus and preliminary trialsThe several
24	state attorneys of this state shall represent the state in all
25	cases of habeas corpus arising in their respective circuits, and
26	shall also represent the state, either in person or by
27	assistant, in cases of preliminary trials of persons charged
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with capital offenses in all cases where the committing <u>trial</u> <u>court judge</u> magistrate shall have given due and timely notice of the time and place of such trial. Notice of the application for the writ of habeas corpus shall be given to the prosecuting officer of the court wherein the statute under attack is being applied, the criminal law proceeding is being maintained, or the conviction has occurred.

35 Section 3. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 34.01, 36 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to 37 that section, to read:

38 34.01 Jurisdiction of county court.--

39 (2) The county courts shall have jurisdiction previously 40 exercised by county judges' courts other than that vested in the circuit court by s. 26.012, except that county court judges may 41 42 hear matters involving dissolution of marriage under the 43 simplified dissolution procedure pursuant to Rule 1.611(c), Florida Family Law Rules of Civil Procedure or may issue a final 44 45 order for dissolution in cases where the matter is uncontested, 46 and the jurisdiction previously exercised by county courts, the 47 claims court, small claims courts, small claims magistrates courts, magistrates courts, justice of the peace courts, 48 49 municipal courts, and courts of chartered counties, including 50 but not limited to the counties referred to in ss. 9, 10, 11, and 24, Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1968 1885. 51

52 (3) Judges of county courts shall <u>also</u> be committing <u>trial</u>
53 <u>court judges</u> magistrates. Judges of county courts shall be
54 coroners unless otherwise provided by law or by rule of the
55 Supreme Court.

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(4) Judges of county courts may hear all matters in equity involved in any case within the jurisdictional amount of the county court, except as otherwise restricted by the State Constitution or the laws of Florida.

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(5) A county court is a trial court.

61 Section 4. Section 48.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to 62 read:

63 48.20 Service of process on Sunday.--Service or execution 64 on Sunday of any writ, process, warrant, order, or judgment is 65 void and the person serving or executing, or causing it to be 66 served or executed, is liable to the party aggrieved for damages 67 for so doing as if he or she had done it without any process, 68 writ, warrant, order, or judgment. If affidavit is made by the 69 person requesting service or execution that he or she has good 70 reason to believe that any person liable to have any such writ, 71 process, warrant, order, or judgment served on him or her intends to escape from this state under protection of Sunday, 72 73 any officer furnished with an order authorizing service or execution by the trial court judge or magistrate of any 74 75 incorporated town may serve or execute such writ, process, 76 warrant, order, or judgment on Sunday, and it is as valid as if 77 it had been done on any other day.

78 Section 5. Section 142.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to 79 read:

80 142.09 If defendant is not convicted or dies.--If the 81 defendant is not convicted, or the prosecution is abated by the 82 death of the defendant, or if the costs are imposed on the 83 defendant and execution against him or her is returned no 84 property found, or if a nolle prosse be entered, in each of

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85 these cases the fees of witnesses and officers arising from 86 criminal causes shall be paid by the county in the manner 87 specified in ss. 142.10-142.12; provided, that when a committing 88 trial court judge magistrate holds to bail or commits a person 89 to answer to a criminal charge and an information is not filed or an indictment found against such person, the costs and fees 90 91 of such committing trial shall not be paid by the county, except 92 the costs of executing the warrants.

93 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 316.635, Florida
94 Statutes, is amended to read:

95 316.635 Courts having jurisdiction over traffic 96 violations; powers relating to custody and detention of 97 minors.--

98 (3) If a minor is taken into custody for a criminal 99 traffic offense or a violation of chapter 322 and the minor does 100 not demand to be taken before a trial court judge, or a Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer, who has jurisdiction over 101 102 the offense or violation magistrate, the arresting officer or 103 booking officer shall immediately notify, or cause to be 104 notified, the minor's parents, guardian, or responsible adult 105 relative of the action taken. After making every reasonable 106 effort to give notice, the arresting officer or booking officer 107 may:

(a) Issue a notice to appear pursuant to chapter 901 and
release the minor to a parent, guardian, responsible adult
relative, or other responsible adult;

(b) Issue a notice to appear pursuant to chapter 901 and release the minor pursuant to s. 903.06;

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113 Issue a notice to appear pursuant to chapter 901 and (C) 114 deliver the minor to an appropriate substance abuse treatment or 115 rehabilitation facility or refer the minor to an appropriate 116 medical facility as provided in s. 901.29. If the minor cannot 117 be delivered to an appropriate substance abuse treatment or 118 rehabilitation facility or medical facility, the arresting 119 officer may deliver the minor to an appropriate intake office of 120 the Department of Juvenile Justice, which shall take custody of 121 the minor and make any appropriate referrals; or

(d) If the violation constitutes a felony and the minor cannot be released pursuant to s. 903.03, transport and deliver the minor to an appropriate Department of Juvenile Justice intake office. Upon delivery of the minor to the intake office, the department shall assume custody and proceed pursuant to chapter 984 or chapter 985.

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129 If action is not taken pursuant to paragraphs (a)-(d), the minor 130 shall be delivered to the Department of Juvenile Justice, and 131 the department shall make every reasonable effort to contact the 132 parents, guardian, or responsible adult relative to take custody 133 of the minor. If there is no parent, guardian, or responsible 134 adult relative available, the department may retain custody of 135 the minor for up to 24 hours.

136 Section 7. Section 373.603, Florida Statutes, is amended 137 to read:

138 373.603 Power to enforce.--The Department of Environmental
139 Protection or the governing board of any water management
140 district and any officer or agent thereof may enforce any
141 provision of this law or any rule or regulation adopted and

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142 promulgated or order issued thereunder to the same extent as any 143 peace officer is authorized to enforce the law. Any officer or agent of any such board may appear before any trial court judge 144 145 magistrate empowered to issue warrants in criminal cases and 146 make an affidavit and apply for the issuance of a warrant in the 147 manner provided by law.; and said magistrate, If such affidavit 148 alleges shall allege the commission of an offense, the trial 149 court judge shall issue a warrant directed to any sheriff or 150 deputy for the arrest of any offender. The provisions of this 151 section shall apply to the Florida Water Resources Act of 1972 152 in its entirety.

153 Section 8. Subsection (4) of section 381.0012, Florida 154 Statutes, is amended to read:

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381.0012 Enforcement authority.--

(4) The department may appear before any <u>trial court judge</u>
magistrate empowered to issue warrants in criminal cases and
request the issuance of a warrant. The <u>trial court judge</u>
magistrate shall issue a warrant directed to any sheriff,
deputy, or police officer to assist in any way to carry out the
purpose and intent of this chapter.

Section 9. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 450.121,Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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450.121 Enforcement of Child Labor Law. --

165 (3) It is the duty of any <u>trial court judge magistrate</u> of
166 any court in the state to issue warrants and try cases made
167 within the limit of any <u>municipality</u> city over which such
168 magistrate has jurisdiction in connection with the violation of
169 this law.

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(4) Grand juries shall have inquisitorial powers to
investigate violations of this chapter; also, <u>trial</u> county court
judges and judges of the circuit courts shall specially charge
the grand jury, at the beginning of each term of the court, to
investigate violations of this chapter.

Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 560.306, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

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560.306 Standards.--

178 The department may deny registration if it finds that (2) 179 the applicant, or any money transmitter-affiliated party of the 180 applicant, has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude in any jurisdiction or of a crime which, if committed 181 182 in this state, would constitute a crime involving moral 183 turpitude under the laws of this state. For the purposes of this 184 part, a person shall be deemed to have been convicted of a crime 185 if such person has either pleaded guilty to or been found guilty of a charge before a court or a federal magistrate, or by the 186 187 verdict of a jury, irrespective of the pronouncement of sentence 188 or the suspension thereof. The department may take into 189 consideration the fact that such plea of guilty, or such 190 decision, judgment, or verdict, has been set aside, reversed, or 191 otherwise abrogated by lawful judicial process or that the 192 person convicted of the crime received a pardon from the 193 jurisdiction where the conviction was entered or received a 194 certificate pursuant to any provision of law which removes the 195 disability under this part because of such conviction.

196 Section 11. Section 633.14, Florida Statutes, is amended 197 to read:

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198 633.14 Agents; powers to make arrests, conduct searches 199 and seizures, serve summonses, and carry firearms. -- Agents of 200 the State Fire Marshal shall have the same authority to serve 201 summonses, make arrests, carry firearms, and make searches and 202 seizures, as the sheriff or her or his deputies, in the 203 respective counties where such investigations, hearings, or 204 inspections may be held; and affidavits necessary to authorize 205 any such arrests, searches, or seizures may be made before any 206 trial court judge magistrate having authority under the law to 207 issue appropriate processes.

208 Section 12. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and paragraph 209 (c) of subsection (2) of section 648.44, Florida Statutes, are 210 amended to read:

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648.44 Prohibitions; penalty. --

212 (1) A bail bond agent or temporary bail bond agent may 213 not:

(e) Pay a fee or rebate or give or promise anything of value to a jailer, police officer, peace officer, or committing <u>trial court judge magistrate</u> or any other person who has power to arrest or to hold in custody or to any public official or public employee in order to secure a settlement, compromise, remission, or reduction of the amount of any bail bond or estreatment thereof.

(2) The following persons or classes shall not be bail bond agents, temporary bail bond agents, or employees of a bail bond agent or a bail bond business and shall not directly or indirectly receive any benefits from the execution of any bail bond:

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(c) Committing <u>trial court judges</u> magistrates, employees
 of a court, or employees of the clerk of any court.
 Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 817.482, Florida
 Statutes, is amended to read:

817.482 Possessing or transferring device for theft of
telecommunications service; concealment of destination of
telecommunications service.--

233 (3) Any such instrument, apparatus, equipment, or device, 234 or plans or instructions therefor, referred to in subsections 235 (1) and (2), may be seized by court order or under a search 236 warrant of a judge or magistrate or incident to a lawful arrest; 237 and upon the conviction of any person for a violation of any 238 provision of this act, or s. 817.481, such instrument, 239 apparatus, equipment, device, plans, or instructions either 240 shall be destroyed as contraband by the sheriff of the county in 241 which such person was convicted or turned over to the telephone 242 company in whose territory such instrument, apparatus, 243 equipment, device, plans, or instructions were seized.

244 Section 14. Subsection (5) of section 828.122, Florida 245 Statutes, is amended to read:

246 828.122 Fighting or baiting animals; offenses;
247 penalties.--

(5) Whenever an indictment is returned or an information is filed charging a violation of s. 828.12 or of this section and, in the case of an information, a <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate finds probable cause that a violation has occurred, the court shall order the animals seized and shall provide for appropriate and humane care or disposition of the animals. This

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254 provision shall not be construed as a limitation on the power to 255 seize animals as evidence at the time of arrest.

256 Section 15. Subsection (8) of section 832.05, Florida 257 Statutes, is amended to read:

258 832.05 Giving worthless checks, drafts, and debit card 259 orders; penalty; duty of drawee; evidence; costs; complaint 260 form.--

(8) COSTS.--When a prosecution is initiated under this section before any committing <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate, the party applying for the warrant shall be held liable for costs accruing in the event the case is dismissed for want of prosecution. No costs shall be charged to the county in such dismissed cases.

267 Section 16. Section 876.42, Florida Statutes, is amended 268 to read:

269 876.42 Witnesses' privileges. -- No person shall be excused 270 from attending and testifying, or producing any books, papers, 271 or other documents before any court, magistrate, referee, or 272 grand jury upon any investigation, proceeding, or trial, for or 273 relating to or concerned with a violation of any section of this 274 law or attempt to commit such violation, upon the ground or for 275 the reason that the testimony or evidence, documentary or 276 otherwise, required by the state may tend to convict the person 277 of a crime or to subject him or her to a penalty or forfeiture; 278 but no person shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or 279 forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or 280 thing concerning which the person may so testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, and no testimony so given or 281 282 produced shall be received against the person, upon any criminal

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283 investigation, proceeding, or trial, except upon a prosecution 284 for perjury or contempt of court, based upon the giving or 285 producing of such testimony.

286 Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 287 893.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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893.12 Contraband; seizure, forfeiture, sale.--

289 (1) All substances controlled by this chapter and all 290 listed chemicals, which substances or chemicals are handled, 291 delivered, possessed, or distributed contrary to any provisions 292 of this chapter, and all such controlled substances or listed 293 chemicals the lawful possession of which is not established or the title to which cannot be ascertained, are declared to be 294 295 contraband, are subject to seizure and confiscation by any 296 person whose duty it is to enforce the provisions of the 297 chapter, and shall be disposed of as follows:

298 (a) Except as in this section otherwise provided, the 299 court having jurisdiction shall order such controlled substances 300 or listed chemicals forfeited and destroyed. A record of the place where said controlled substances or listed chemicals were 301 302 seized, of the kinds and quantities of controlled substances or 303 listed chemicals destroyed, and of the time, place, and manner 304 of destruction shall be kept, and a return under oath reporting 305 said destruction shall be made to the court or magistrate by the 306 officer who destroys them.

307 Section 18. Section 901.01, Florida Statutes, is amended 308 to read:

309 901.01 Judicial officers <u>have to be</u> committing <u>authority</u>
 310 magistrates.--Each state judicial officer is a conservator of
 311 the peace and has a committing magistrate with authority to

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312 issue warrants of arrest, commit offenders to jail, and 313 recognize them to appear to answer the charge. He or she may 314 require sureties of the peace when the peace has been 315 substantially threatened or disturbed.

316 Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 901.02, Florida 317 Statutes, is amended to read:

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901.02 When warrant of arrest to be issued.--

(1) A warrant may be issued for the arrest of the person complained against if the <u>trial court judge magistrate</u>, from the examination of the complainant and other witnesses, reasonably believes that the person complained against has committed an offense within the <u>trial court judge's magistrate's</u> jurisdiction. A warrant is issued at the time it is signed by the <u>trial court judge magistrate</u>.

326 Section 20. Section 901.07, Florida Statutes, is amended 327 to read:

328 901.07 Admission to bail when arrest occurs in another 329 county.--

330 (1) When an arrest by a warrant occurs in a county other 331 than the one in which the alleged offense was committed and the 332 warrant issued, if the person arrested has a right to bail, the 333 arresting officer shall inform the person of his or her right 334 and, upon request, shall take the person before a trial court 335 judge magistrate or other official of the same county having 336 authority to admit to bail. The official shall admit the person 337 arrested to bail for his or her appearance before the trial 338 court judge magistrate who issued the warrant.

339 (2) If the person arrested does not have a right to bail340 or, when informed of his or her right to bail, does not furnish

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bail immediately, the officer who made the arrest or the officer
having the warrant shall take the person before the <u>trial court</u>
judge magistrate who issued the warrant.

344 Section 21. Section 901.08, Florida Statutes, is amended 345 to read:

346 901.08 Issue of warrant when offense triable in another 347 county.--

348 (1) When a complaint before a trial court judge magistrate 349 charges the commission of an offense that is punishable by death 350 or life imprisonment and is triable in another county of the 351 state, but it appears that the person against whom the complaint 352 is made is in the county where the complaint is made, the same 353 proceedings for issuing a warrant shall be used as prescribed in 354 this chapter, except that the warrant shall require the person 355 against whom the complaint is made to be taken before a 356 designated trial court judge magistrate of the county in which 357 the offense is triable.

358 If the person arrested has a right to bail, the (2) 359 officer making the arrest shall inform the person of his or her 360 right to bail and, on request, shall take the person before a 361 trial court judge magistrate or other official having authority 362 to admit to bail in the county in which the arrest is made. The 363 official shall admit the person to bail for his or her 364 appearance before the trial court judge magistrate designated in 365 the warrant.

366 (3) If the person arrested does not have a right to bail
367 or, when informed of his or her right to bail, does not furnish
368 bail immediately, he or she shall be taken before the <u>trial</u>
369 court judge magistrate designated in the warrant.

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370 Section 22. Section 901.09, Florida Statutes, is amended 371 to read:

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901.09 When summons shall be issued.--

(1) When the complaint is for an offense that the <u>trial</u> <u>court judge magistrate</u> is empowered to try summarily, the <u>trial</u> <u>court judge magistrate</u> shall issue a summons instead of a warrant, unless she or he reasonably believes that the person against whom the complaint was made will not appear upon a summons, in which event the <u>trial court judge magistrate</u> shall issue a warrant.

380 (2) When the complaint is for a misdemeanor that the <u>trial</u> 381 <u>court judge</u> magistrate is not empowered to try summarily, the 382 <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate shall issue a summons instead of a 383 warrant if she or he reasonably believes that the person against 384 whom the complaint was made will appear upon a summons.

(3) The summons shall set forth substantially the nature of the offense and shall command the person against whom the complaint was made to appear before the <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate at a stated time and place.

389 Section 23. Section 901.11, Florida Statutes, is amended 390 to read:

391 901.11 Effect of not answering summons.--Failure to appear 392 as commanded by a summons without good cause is an indirect 393 criminal contempt of court and may be punished by a fine of not 394 more than \$100. When a person fails to appear as commanded by a 395 summons, the <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate shall issue a warrant. 396 If the <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate acquires reason to believe 397 that the person summoned will not appear as commanded after

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398 issuing a summons, the <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate may issue a 399 warrant.

400 Section 24. Section 901.12, Florida Statutes, is amended 401 to read:

402 901.12 Summons against corporation.--When a complaint of 403 an offense is made against a corporation, the <u>trial court judge</u> 404 magistrate shall issue a summons that shall set forth 405 substantially the nature of the offense and command the 406 corporation to appear before the <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate at 407 a stated time and place.

408 Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 901.25, Florida 409 Statutes, is amended to read:

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901.25 Fresh pursuit; arrest outside jurisdiction.--

411 (3) If an arrest is made in this state by an officer 412 outside the county within which his or her jurisdiction lies, 413 the officer shall immediately notify the officer in charge of the jurisdiction in which the arrest is made. Such officer in 414 charge of the jurisdiction shall, along with the officer making 415 416 the arrest, take the person so arrested before a trial county 417 court judge or other committing magistrate of the county in 418 which the arrest was made without unnecessary delay.

419 Section 26. Section 902.15, Florida Statutes, is amended 420 to read:

421 902.15 Undertaking by witness.--When a defendant is held 422 to answer on a charge for a crime punishable by death or life 423 imprisonment, the <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate at the 424 preliminary hearing may require each material witness to enter 425 into a written recognizance to appear at the trial or forfeit a 426 sum fixed by the <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate. Additional

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427 security may be required in the discretion of the <u>trial court</u>
428 <u>judge</u> magistrate.

429 Section 27. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 430 902.17, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

431 902.17 Procedure when witness does not give security.--

(1) If a witness required to enter into a recognizance to
appear refuses to comply with the order, the <u>trial court judge</u>
magistrate shall commit the witness to custody until she or he
complies or she or he is legally discharged.

436 (2) If the trial court judge magistrate requires a witness
437 to give security for her or his appearance and the witness is
438 unable to give the security, the witness may apply to the court
439 having jurisdiction to try the defendant for a reduction of the
440 security.

441 (3) If it appears from examination on oath of the witness 442 or any other person that the witness is unable to give security, the trial court judge magistrate or the court having 443 444 jurisdiction to try the defendant shall make an order finding 445 that fact, and the witness shall be detained pending application 446 for her or his conditional examination. Within 3 days after from 447 the entry of the order, the witness shall be conditionally 448 examined on application of the state or the defendant. The 449 examination shall be by question and answer in the presence of 450 the other party and counsel, and shall be transcribed by a court 451 reporter or stenographer selected by the parties. At the 452 completion of the examination the witness shall be discharged. 453 The deposition of the witness may be introduced in evidence at the trial by the defendant, or, if the prosecuting attorney and 454 455 the defendant and the defendant's counsel agree, it may be

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456 admitted in evidence by stipulation. The deposition shall not be
457 admitted on behalf of the state without the consent of the
458 defendant.

459 Section 28. Section 902.20, Florida Statutes, is amended 460 to read:

902.20 Contempts before committing <u>trial court judge</u>
magistrate.--A committing <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate holding a
preliminary hearing shall have the same power to punish for
contempts that she or he has while presiding at the trial of
criminal cases.

466 Section 29. Section 902.21, Florida Statutes, is amended 467 to read:

468 902.21 Commitment to jail in another county.--If a person 469 is committed in a county where there is no jail, the committing 470 <u>trial court judge</u> magistrate shall direct the sheriff to deliver 471 the accused to a jail in another county.

472 Section 30. Subsection (1) of section 903.03, Florida473 Statutes, is amended to read:

474 903.03 Jurisdiction of trial court to admit to bail;
475 duties and responsibilities of Department of Corrections.--

476 (1) After a person is held to answer by a <u>trial court</u>
477 <u>judge magistrate</u>, the court having jurisdiction to try the
478 defendant shall, before indictment, affidavit, or information is
479 filed, have jurisdiction to hear and decide all preliminary
480 motions regarding bail and production or impounding of all
481 articles, writings, moneys, or other exhibits expected to be
482 used at the trial by either the state or the defendant.

483 Section 31. Subsection (2) of section 903.32, Florida
484 Statutes, is amended to read:

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903.32 Defects in bond.--

486 (2) If no day, or an impossible day, is stated in a bond 487 for the defendant's appearance before a trial court judge 488 magistrate for a hearing, the defendant shall be bound to appear 489 10 days after receipt of notice to appear by the defendant, the 490 defendant's counsel, or any surety on the undertaking. If no 491 day, or an impossible day, is stated in a bond for the 492 defendant's appearance for trial, the defendant shall be bound 493 to appear on the first day of the next term of court that will 494 commence more than 3 days after the undertaking is given.

495 Section 32. Section 903.34, Florida Statutes, is amended 496 to read:

903.34 Who may admit to bail.--In criminal actions
instituted or pending in any state court, bonds given by
defendants before trial until appeal shall be approved by a
committing trial court judge magistrate or the sheriff. Appeal
bonds shall be approved as provided in s. 924.15.

502 Section 33. Subsection (4) of section 914.22, Florida 503 Statutes, is amended to read:

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914.22 Tampering with a witness, victim, or informant.--

505(4) In a prosecution for an offense under this section, no506state of mind need be proved with respect to the circumstance:

(a) That the official proceeding before a judge, court, magistrate, grand jury, or government agency is before a judge or court of the state, a state or local grand jury, or a state agency; or

511 (b) That the judge is a judge of the state or that the law 512 enforcement officer is an officer or employee of the state or a

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513 person authorized to act for or on behalf of the state or 514 serving the state as an adviser or consultant.

515 Section 34. Section 923.01, Florida Statutes, is amended 516 to read:

517 923.01 Criminal report.--Each committing <u>trial court judge</u> 518 magistrate at the time commitment papers are sent by her or him 519 to the proper trial court, and the sheriff when an arrest is 520 made, other than on a capias, shall transmit to the prosecuting 521 attorney of the trial court having jurisdiction, a report in the 522 following form:

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CRIMINAL REPORT

524 Date: _____ Name and address of defendant: _____ Age: ____. If 525 under 18, give name and address of parent, next friend, or 526 quardian: Name of offense, such as murder, assault, robbery, etc.: ____ Date and place where committed: ____ Value 527 of property stolen: ____ Kind of property stolen: ____ Kind of 528 building robbed: Name and address of owner of property 529 stolen or building robbed: ____ Name and address of occupant of 530 building robbed: ____ Name of party assaulted or murdered: ____ 531 532 Weapon used in assault or murder: ____ Exhibits taken at scene of crime or from defendant: ____ Name of custodian of such 533 534 exhibits: _____ Location of building or place where offense 535 committed: _____ Previous prison record of defendant: _____ Has 536 defendant been arrested: ____ Does defendant desire to plead 537 guilty: ____ Names and addresses of state witnesses: ____ Name of defendant's lawyer: ____ If defendant is released on bond, 538 539 names and addresses of sureties: ____ Brief statement of facts: 540 ____ Name of committing trial court judge magistrate: ____ If 541 additional space required, use reverse side of this sheet.

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542 . . . (Signature of party making this report.) . . .
543 Section 35. Section 933.01, Florida Statutes, is amended
544 to read:

545 933.01 Persons competent to issue search warrant.--A 546 search warrant authorized by law may be issued by any judge, 547 including the judge of any circuit court of this state or county 548 court judge, or committing judge of the trial court magistrate 549 having jurisdiction where the place, vehicle, or thing to be 550 searched may be.

551 Section 36. Section 933.06, Florida Statutes, is amended 552 to read:

553 933.06 Sworn application required before issuance.--The 554 judge or magistrate must, before issuing the warrant, have the 555 application of some person for said warrant duly sworn to and 556 subscribed, and may receive further testimony from witnesses or 557 supporting affidavits, or depositions in writing, to support the application. The affidavit and further proof, if same be had or 558 559 required, must set forth the facts tending to establish the 560 grounds of the application or probable cause for believing that 561 they exist.

562 Section 37. Subsection (1) of section 933.07, Florida 563 Statutes, is amended to read:

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933.07 Issuance of search warrants.--

(1) The judge, upon examination of the application and proofs submitted, if satisfied that probable cause exists for the issuing of the search warrant, shall thereupon issue a search warrant signed by him or her with his or her name of office, to any sheriff and the sheriff's deputies or any police officer or other person authorized by law to execute process,

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571 commanding the officer or person forthwith to search the 572 property described in the warrant or the person named, for the 573 property specified, and to bring the property and any person 574 arrested in connection therewith before the <u>judge magistrate</u> or 575 some other court having jurisdiction of the offense.

576 Section 38. Section 933.10, Florida Statutes, is amended 577 to read:

933.10 Execution of search warrant during day or night.--A search warrant issued under the provisions of this chapter may, if expressly authorized in such warrant by the judge or magistrate issuing the same, be executed by being served either in the daytime or in the nighttime, as the exigencies of the occasion may demand or require.

584 Section 39. Section 933.101, Florida Statutes, is amended 585 to read:

586 933.101 Service on Sunday.--A search warrant may be
587 executed by being served on Sunday, if expressly authorized in
588 such warrant by the judge or magistrate issuing the same.

589 Section 40. Section 933.13, Florida Statutes, is amended 590 to read:

591 933.13 Copy of inventory shall be delivered upon 592 request.--The judge or magistrate to whom the warrant is 593 returned, upon the request of any claimant or any person from 594 whom said property is taken, or the officer who executed the 595 search warrant, shall deliver to said applicant a true copy of 596 the inventory of the property mentioned in the return on said 597 warrant.

598 Section 41. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 599 933.14, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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600 933.14 Return of property taken under search warrant.--601 If it appears to the magistrate or judge before whom (1) 602 the warrant is returned that the property or papers taken are 603 not the same as that described in the warrant, or that there is 604 no probable cause for believing the existence of the grounds 605 upon which the warrant was issued, or if it appears to the judge 606 magistrate before whom any property is returned that the 607 property was secured by an "unreasonable" search, the judge or 608 magistrate may order a return of the property taken; provided, 609 however, that in no instance shall contraband such as slot 610 machines, gambling tables, lottery tickets, tally sheets, 611 rundown sheets, or other gambling devices, paraphernalia and 612 equipment, or narcotic drugs, obscene prints and literature be 613 returned to anyone claiming an interest therein, it being the 614 specific intent of the Legislature that no one has any property 615 rights subject to be protected by any constitutional provision in such contraband; provided, further, that the claimant of said 616 contraband may upon sworn petition and proof submitted by him or 617 618 her in the circuit court of the county where seized, show that 619 said contraband articles so seized were held, used or possessed 620 in a lawful manner, for a lawful purpose, and in a lawful place, 621 the burden of proof in all cases being upon the claimant. The 622 sworn affidavit or complaint upon which the search warrant was 623 issued or the testimony of the officers showing probable cause 624 to search without a warrant or incident to a legal arrest, and 625 the finding of such slot machines, gambling tables, lottery 626 tickets, tally sheets, rundown sheets, scratch sheets, or other gambling devices, paraphernalia, and equipment, including money 627 628 used in gambling or in furtherance of gambling, or narcotic

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629 drugs, obscene prints and literature, or any of them, shall 630 constitute prima facie evidence of the illegal possession of 631 such contraband and the burden shall be upon the claimant for 632 the return thereof, to show that such contraband was lawfully 633 acquired, possessed, held, and used.

(3) No pistol or firearm taken by any officer with a
search warrant or without a search warrant upon a view by the
officer of a breach of the peace shall be returned except
pursuant to an order of a <u>trial</u> circuit judge or a county court
judge.

639 (4) If no cause is shown for the return of any property 640 seized or taken under a search warrant, the judge or magistrate 641 shall order that the same be impounded for use as evidence at 642 any trial of any criminal or penal cause growing out of the 643 having or possession of said property, but perishable property 644 held or possessed in violation of law may be sold where the same is not prohibited, as may be directed by the court, or returned 645 to the person from whom taken. The judge or magistrate to whom 646 said search warrant is returned shall file the same with the 647 648 inventory and sworn return in the proper office, and if the 649 original affidavit and proofs upon which the warrant was issued 650 are in his or her possession, he or she shall apply to the 651 officer having the same and the officer shall transmit and 652 deliver all of the papers, proofs, and certificates to the 653 proper office where the proceedings are lodged.

654 Section 42. Section 939.02, Florida Statutes, is amended 655 to read:

656939.02Costs before committing trial court judge657magistrate.--All costs accruing before a committing trial court

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<u>judge</u> magistrate shall be taxed against the defendant on
conviction or estreat of recognizance.

660 Section 43. Section 939.14, Florida Statutes, is amended 661 to read:

662 939.14 County not to pay costs in cases where information 663 is not filed or indictment found.--When a committing <u>trial court</u> 664 <u>judge magistrate</u> holds to bail or commits any person to answer a 665 criminal charge in a county court or a circuit court, and an 666 information is not filed nor an indictment found against such 667 person, the costs of such committing trial shall not be paid by 668 the county, except the costs for executing the warrant.

669 Section 44. Section 941.13, Florida Statutes, is amended 670 to read:

671 941.13 Arrest prior to requisition. --Whenever any person 672 within this state shall be charged on the oath of any credible 673 person before any judge or magistrate of this state with the commission of any crime in any other state, and, except in cases 674 675 arising under s. 941.06, with having fled from justice or with having been convicted of a crime in that state and having 676 677 escaped from confinement, or having broken the terms of his or 678 her bail, probation, or parole, or whenever complaint shall have 679 been made before any judge or magistrate in this state setting 680 forth on the affidavit of any credible person in another state 681 that a crime has been committed in such other state and that the 682 accused has been charged in such state with the commission of 683 the crime, and, except in cases arising under s. 941.06, has 684 fled from justice, or with having been convicted of a crime in 685 that state and having escaped from confinement, or having broken 686 the terms of his or her bail, probation, or parole, and is

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687 believed to be in this state, the judge or magistrate shall 688 issue a warrant directed to any peace officer commanding him or 689 her to apprehend the person named therein, wherever the person may be found in this state, and to bring the person before the 690 691 same or any other judge, magistrate, or court who or which may 692 be available in, or convenient of, access to the place where the 693 arrest may be made, to answer the charge or complaint and 694 affidavit, and a certified copy of the sworn charge or complaint 695 and affidavit upon which the warrant is issued shall be attached 696 to the warrant.

697 Section 45. Section 941.14, Florida Statutes, is amended 698 to read:

699 941.14 Arrest without a warrant.--The arrest of a person 700 may be lawfully made also by any peace officer or a private 701 person, without a warrant upon reasonable information that the 702 accused stands charged in the courts of a state with a crime 703 punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year, 704 but when so arrested the accused must be taken before a judge or 705 magistrate with all practicable speed and complaint must be made 706 against the accused under oath setting forth the ground for the 707 arrest as in the preceding section; and thereafter his or her 708 answer shall be heard as if the accused had been arrested on a 709 warrant.

710 Section 46. Section 941.15, Florida Statutes, is amended 711 to read:

941.15 Commitment to await requisition; bail.--If from the examination before the judge or magistrate it appears that the person held is the person charged with having committed the crime alleged and, except in cases arising under s. 941.06, that

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716 the person has fled from justice, the judge or magistrate must, 717 by a warrant reciting the accusation, commit the person to the 718 county jail for such a time not exceeding 30 days and specified 719 in the warrant τ as will enable the arrest of the accused to be 720 made under a warrant of the Governor on a requisition of the 721 executive authority of the state having jurisdiction of the 722 offense, unless the accused gives give bail as provided in s. 723 941.16 the next section, or until the accused shall be legally 724 discharged.

725 Section 47. Section 941.17, Florida Statutes, is amended 726 to read:

727 941.17 Extension of time of commitment, adjournment.--If 728 the accused is not arrested under warrant of the Governor by the 729 expiration of the time specified in the warrant or bond, a judge 730 or magistrate may discharge the accused or may recommit him or 731 her for a further period not to exceed 60 days, or a judge or magistrate judge may again take bail for his or her appearance 732 733 and surrender, as provided in s. 941.16, but within a period not 734 to exceed 60 days after the date of such new bond.

735 Section 48. Section 941.18, Florida Statutes, is amended 736 to read:

737 941.18 Forfeiture of bail.--If the prisoner is admitted to 738 bail, and fails to appear and surrender himself or herself 739 according to the conditions of his or her bond, the judge, or 740 magistrate by proper order, shall declare the bond forfeited and 741 order his or her immediate arrest without warrant if he or she 742 is be within this state. Recovery may be had on such bond in the 743 name of the state as in the case of other bonds given by the 744 accused in criminal proceedings within this state.

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745 Section 49. Subsection (2) of section 947.141, Florida746 Statutes, is amended to read:

947.141 Violations of conditional release, control
release, or conditional medical release or addiction-recovery
supervision.--

750 (2) Upon the arrest on a felony charge of an offender who 751 is on release supervision under s. 947.1405, s. 947.146, s. 752 947.149, or s. 944.4731, the offender must be detained without 753 bond until the initial appearance of the offender at which a 754 judicial determination of probable cause is made. If the trial 755 court judge magistrate determines that there was no probable 756 cause for the arrest, the offender may be released. If the trial 757 court judge magistrate determines that there was probable cause 758 for the arrest, such determination also constitutes reasonable 759 grounds to believe that the offender violated the conditions of 760 the release. Within 24 hours after the trial court judge's magistrate's finding of probable cause, the detention facility 761 administrator or designee shall notify the commission and the 762 763 department of the finding and transmit to each a facsimile copy 764 of the probable cause affidavit or the sworn offense report upon 765 which the trial court judge's magistrate's probable cause 766 determination is based. The offender must continue to be detained without bond for a period not exceeding 72 hours 767 768 excluding weekends and holidays after the date of the probable 769 cause determination, pending a decision by the commission 770 whether to issue a warrant charging the offender with violation 771 of the conditions of release. Upon the issuance of the 772 commission's warrant, the offender must continue to be held in

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custody pending a revocation hearing held in accordance withthis section.

775 Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 948.06, Florida776 Statutes, is amended to read:

948.06 Violation of probation or community control;
revocation; modification; continuance; failure to pay
restitution or cost of supervision.--

780 (1) Whenever within the period of probation or community 781 control there are reasonable grounds to believe that a 782 probationer or offender in community control has violated his or 783 her probation or community control in a material respect, any law enforcement officer who is aware of the probationary or 784 785 community control status of the probationer or offender in 786 community control or any parole or probation supervisor may 787 arrest or request any county or municipal law enforcement 788 officer to arrest such probationer or offender without warrant 789 wherever found and forthwith return him or her to the court 790 granting such probation or community control. Any committing 791 trial court judge magistrate may issue a warrant, upon the facts 792 being made known to him or her by affidavit of one having 793 knowledge of such facts, for the arrest of the probationer or 794 offender, returnable forthwith before the court granting such 795 probation or community control. Any parole or probation 796 supervisor, any officer authorized to serve criminal process, or 797 any peace officer of this state is authorized to serve and 798 execute such warrant. Upon the filing of an affidavit alleging a 799 violation of probation or community control and following 800 issuance of a warrant under s. 901.02, the probationary period 801 is tolled until the court enters a ruling on the violation.

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802 Notwithstanding the tolling of probation as provided in this 803 subsection, the court shall retain jurisdiction over the 804 offender for any violation of the conditions of probation or 805 community control that is alleged to have occurred during the 806 tolling period. The probation officer is permitted to continue 807 to supervise any offender who remains available to the officer 808 for supervision until the supervision expires pursuant to the 809 order of probation or community control or until the court 810 revokes or terminates the probation or community control, 811 whichever comes first. The court, upon the probationer or 812 offender being brought before it, shall advise him or her of 813 such charge of violation and, if such charge is admitted to be true, may forthwith revoke, modify, or continue the probation or 814 815 community control or place the probationer into a community 816 control program. If probation or community control is revoked, 817 the court shall adjudge the probationer or offender guilty of the offense charged and proven or admitted, unless he or she has 818 819 previously been adjudged guilty, and impose any sentence which 820 it might have originally imposed before placing the probationer 821 on probation or the offender into community control. If such 822 violation of probation or community control is not admitted by 823 the probationer or offender, the court may commit him or her or 824 release him or her with or without bail to await further 825 hearing, or it may dismiss the charge of probation or community 826 control violation. If such charge is not at that time admitted 827 by the probationer or offender and if it is not dismissed, the 828 court, as soon as may be practicable, shall give the probationer 829 or offender an opportunity to be fully heard on his or her 830 behalf in person or by counsel. After such hearing, the court

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831 may revoke, modify, or continue the probation or community 832 control or place the probationer into community control. If such 833 probation or community control is revoked, the court shall 834 adjudge the probationer or offender guilty of the offense 835 charged and proven or admitted, unless he or she has previously been adjudged guilty, and impose any sentence which it might 836 837 have originally imposed before placing the probationer or 838 offender on probation or into community control. Notwithstanding 839 s. 775.082, when a period of probation or community control has 840 been tolled, upon revocation or modification of the probation or 841 community control, the court may impose a sanction with a term 842 that when combined with the amount of supervision served and 843 tolled, exceeds the term permissible pursuant to s. 775.082 for 844 a term up to the amount of the tolled period supervision. If the 845 court dismisses an affidavit alleging a violation of probation 846 or community control, the offender's probation or community control shall continue as previously imposed, and the offender 847 848 shall receive credit for all tolled time against his or her term of probation or community control. 849

850 Section 51. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section851 985.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

852 985.05 Court records.--

(4) A court record of proceedings under this part is not admissible in evidence in any other civil or criminal proceeding, except that:

(b) Orders binding an adult over for trial on a criminal
charge, made by the <u>committing trial</u> judge as a <u>committing</u>
magistrate, are admissible in evidence in the court to which the
adult is bound over.

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860 Section 52. Section 56.071, Florida Statutes, is amended 861 to read:

56.071 Executions on equities of redemption; discovery of 862 863 value.--On motion made by the party causing a levy to be made on 864 an equity of redemption, the court from which the execution 865 issued shall order the mortgagor, mortgagee, and all other 866 persons interested in the mortgaged property levied on to appear 867 and be examined about the amount remaining due on the mortgage, 868 the amount that has been paid, the party to whom that amount has 869 been paid, and the date when that amount was paid to whom and 870 when paid so that the value of the equity of redemption may be 871 ascertained before the property it is sold. The court may 872 appoint a general or special magistrate master to conduct the 873 examination. This section shall also apply to the interest of 874 and personal property in possession of a vendee under a retained title contract or conditional sales contract. 875

876 Section 53. Subsections (2), (7), and (10) of section 877 56.29, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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56.29 Proceedings supplementary.--

879 (2) On such plaintiff's motion the court shall require the
880 defendant in execution to appear before it or a <u>general or</u>
881 <u>special magistrate</u> master at a time and place specified by the
882 order in the county of the defendant's residence to be examined
883 concerning his or her property.

884 (7) At any time the court may refer the proceeding to a
885 general or special magistrate master who may be directed to
886 report findings of law or fact, or both. The master has all the
887 powers thereof, including the power to issue subpoena, and shall
888 be paid the fees provided by law.

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(10) Any person failing to obey any order issued under this section by a judge or <u>general or special magistrate</u> master or <u>failing</u> to attend in response to a subpoena served on him or her may be held in contempt.

893 Section 54. Subsection (4) of section 61.1826, Florida
894 Statutes, is amended to read:

895 61.1826 Procurement of services for State Disbursement
896 Unit and the non-Title IV-D component of the State Case
897 Registry; contracts and cooperative agreements; penalties;
898 withholding payment.--

(4) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT TERMS.--The contract between the Florida Association of Court Clerks and the department, and cooperative agreements entered into by the depositories and the department, must contain, but are not limited to, the following terms:

904 (a) The initial term of the contract and cooperative
905 agreements is for 5 years. The subsequent term of the contract
906 and cooperative agreements is for 3 years, with the option of
907 two 1-year renewal periods, at the sole discretion of the
908 department.

909 (b) The duties and responsibilities of the Florida
910 Association of Court Clerks, the depositories, and the
911 department.

912 (c) Under s. 287.058(1)(a), all providers and 913 subcontractors shall submit to the department directly, or 914 through the Florida Association of Court Clerks, a report of 915 monthly expenditures in a format prescribed by the department 916 and in sufficient detail for a proper preaudit and postaudit 917 thereof.

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918 (d) All providers and subcontractors shall submit to the 919 department directly, or through the Florida Association of Court 920 Clerks, management reports in a format prescribed by the 921 department.

922 (e) All subcontractors shall comply with chapter 280, as 923 may be required.

924 Federal financial participation for eligible Title IV-(f) 925 D expenditures incurred by the Florida Association of Court 926 Clerks and the depositories shall be at the maximum level 927 permitted by federal law for expenditures incurred for the 928 provision of services in support of child support enforcement in 929 accordance with 45 C.F.R. part 74 and Federal Office of 930 Management and Budget Circulars A-87 and A-122 and based on an 931 annual cost allocation study of each depository. The 932 depositories shall submit directly, or through the Florida 933 Association of Court Clerks, claims for Title IV-D expenditures 934 monthly to the department in a standardized format as prescribed 935 by the department. The Florida Association of Court Clerks shall 936 contract with a certified public accounting firm, selected by 937 the Florida Association of Court Clerks and the department, to 938 audit and certify quarterly to the department all claims for 939 expenditures submitted by the depositories for Title IV-D 940 reimbursement.

(g) Upon termination of the contracts between the
department and the Florida Association of Court Clerks or the
depositories, the Florida Association of Court Clerks, its
agents, and the depositories shall assist the department in
making an orderly transition to a private vendor.

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(h) Interest on late payment by the department shall be inaccordance with s. 215.422.

949 If either the department or the Florida Association of Court 950 Clerks objects to a term of the standard cooperative agreement 951 or contract specified in subsections (2) and (3), the disputed 952 term or terms shall be presented jointly by the parties to the 953 Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee, who shall 954 act as special magistrate master. The special magistrate master 955 shall resolve the dispute in writing within 10 days. The 956 resolution of a dispute by the special magistrate master is 957 binding on the department and the Florida Association of Court 958 Clerks.

959 Section 55. Section 64.061, Florida Statutes, is amended 960 to read:

961 64.061 Partition of property; commissioners; <u>special</u> 962 magistrate <u>master</u>.--

963 (1) APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL.--When a judgment of partition 964 is made, the court shall appoint three suitable persons as 965 commissioners to make the partition. They shall be selected by 966 the court unless agreed on by the parties. They may be removed 967 by the court for good cause and others appointed in their 968 places.

969 (2) POWERS, DUTIES, COMPENSATION AND REPORT OF
970 COMMISSIONERS.--The commissioners shall be sworn to execute the
971 trust imposed in them faithfully and impartially before entering
972 on their duties; have power to employ a surveyor, if necessary,
973 for the purpose of making partition; be allowed such sum as is
974 reasonable for their services; to make partition of the lands in

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975 question according to the court's order and report it in writing 976 to the court without delay.

977 (3) EXCEPTIONS TO REPORT AND FINAL JUDGMENT. -- Any party 978 may file objections to the report of the commissioners within 10 979 days after it is served. If no objections are filed or if the 980 court is satisfied on hearing any such objections that they are 981 not well-founded, the report shall be confirmed, and a final 982 judgment entered vesting in the parties the title to the parcels 983 of the lands allotted to them respectively, and giving each of 984 them the possession of and quieting title to their respective 985 shares as against the other parties to the action or those 986 claiming through or under them.

987 (4) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL MAGISTRATE MASTER WHERE 988 PROPERTY NOT SUBJECT TO PARTITION .-- On an uncontested allegation 989 in a pleading that the property sought to be partitioned is 990 indivisible and is not subject to partition without prejudice to 991 the owners of it or if a judgment of partition is entered and 992 the court is satisfied that the allegation is correct, on motion 993 of any party and notice to the others the court may appoint a 994 special magistrate master or the clerk to make sale of the 995 property either at private sale or as provided by s. 64.071.

996Section 56.Subsection (5) of section 65.061, Florida997Statutes, is amended to read:

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65.061 Quieting title; additional remedy.--

999 (5) RECORDING FINAL JUDGMENTS.--All final judgments may be 1000 recorded in the county or counties in which the land is situated 1001 and operate to vest title in like manner as though a conveyance 1002 were executed by a special magistrate master or commissioner.

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1003 Section 57. Section 69.051, Florida Statutes, is amended 1004 to read:

1005 69.051 <u>General and special magistrates</u> Masters in 1006 chancery; compensation.--<u>General and special magistrates</u> 1007 <u>appointed by the court Masters in chancery</u> shall be allowed such 1008 compensation for any services as the court deems reasonable, 1009 including time consumed in legal research required in preparing 1010 and summarizing their findings of fact and law.

1011 Section 58. Section 70.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to 1012 read:

1013 70.51 Land use and environmental dispute resolution.--

1014 (1) This section may be cited as the "Florida Land Use and 1015 Environmental Dispute Resolution Act."

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(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Development order" means any order, or notice of proposed state or regional governmental agency action, which is or will have the effect of granting, denying, or granting with conditions an application for a development permit, and includes the rezoning of a specific parcel. Actions by the state or a local government on comprehensive plan amendments are not development orders.

1024 (b) "Development permit" means any building permit, zoning permit, subdivision approval, certification, special exception, 1025 1026 variance, or any other similar action of local government, as 1027 well as any permit authorized to be issued under state law by 1028 state, regional, or local government which has the effect of 1029 authorizing the development of real property including, but not limited to, programs implementing chapters 125, 161, 163, 166, 1030 1031 187, 258, 372, 373, 378, 380, and 403.

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1032 "Special magistrate master" means a person selected by (C) 1033 the parties to perform the duties prescribed in this section. 1034 The special magistrate master must be a resident of the state 1035 and possess experience and expertise in mediation and at least 1036 one of the following disciplines and a working familiarity with 1037 the others: land use and environmental permitting, land 1038 planning, land economics, local and state government 1039 organization and powers, and the law governing the same.

(d) "Owner" means a person with a legal or equitable interest in real property who filed an application for a development permit for the property at the state, regional, or local level and who received a development order, or who holds legal title to real property that is subject to an enforcement action of a governmental entity.

1046 (e) "Proposed use of the property" means the proposal1047 filed by the owner to develop his or her real property.

(f) "Governmental entity" includes an agency of the state, a regional or a local government created by the State Constitution or by general or special act, any county or municipality, or any other entity that independently exercises governmental authority. The term does not include the United States or any of its agencies.

(g) "Land" or "real property" means land and includes any appurtenances and improvements to the land, including any other relevant real property in which the owner had a relevant interest.

1058 (3) Any owner who believes that a development order,
1059 either separately or in conjunction with other development
1060 orders, or an enforcement action of a governmental entity, is

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1061 unreasonable or unfairly burdens the use of the owner's real 1062 property, may apply within 30 days after receipt of the order or 1063 notice of the governmental action for relief under this section. 1064 (4) To initiate a proceeding under this section, an owner

1065 must file a request for relief with the elected or appointed 1066 head of the governmental entity that issued the development 1067 order or orders, or that initiated the enforcement action. The 1068 head of the governmental entity may not charge the owner for the 1069 request for relief and must forward the request for relief to 1070 the special magistrate master who is mutually agreed upon by the 1071 owner and the governmental entity within 10 days after receipt 1072 of the request.

1073 (5) The governmental entity with whom a request has been
1074 filed shall also serve a copy of the request for relief by
1075 United States mail or by hand delivery to:

1076 (a) Owners of real property contiguous to the owner's1077 property at the address on the latest county tax roll.

1078 Any substantially affected party who submitted oral or (b) 1079 written testimony, sworn or unsworn, of a substantive nature 1080 which stated with particularity objections to or support for any 1081 development order at issue or enforcement action at issue. 1082 Notice under this paragraph is required only if that party 1083 indicated a desire to receive notice of any subsequent special 1084 magistrate master proceedings occurring on the development order 1085 or enforcement action. Each governmental entity must maintain in 1086 its files relating to particular development orders a mailing 1087 list of persons who have presented oral or written testimony and 1088 who have requested notice.

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(6) The request for relief must contain:

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1090 (a) A brief statement of the owner's proposed use of the1091 property.

(b) A summary of the development order or description of
the enforcement action. A copy of the development order or the
documentation of an enforcement action at issue must be attached
to the request.

(c) A brief statement of the impact of the development
order or enforcement action on the ability of the owner to
achieve the proposed use of the property.

1099 (d) A certificate of service showing the parties,1100 including the governmental entity, served.

1101 (7) The special <u>magistrate</u> master may require other 1102 information in the interest of gaining a complete understanding 1103 of the request for relief.

1104 (8) The special magistrate master may conduct a hearing on 1105 whether the request for relief should be dismissed for failing to include the information required in subsection (6). If the 1106 1107 special magistrate master dismisses the case, the special 1108 magistrate master shall allow the owner to amend the request and 1109 refile. Failure to file an adequate amended request within the 1110 time specified shall result in a dismissal with prejudice as to 1111 this proceeding.

(9) By requesting relief under this section, the owner consents to grant the special <u>magistrate</u> master and the parties reasonable access to the real property with advance notice at a time and in a manner acceptable to the owner of the real property.

(10)(a) Before initiating a special <u>magistrate</u> master proceeding to review a local development order or local

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1119 enforcement action, the owner must exhaust all nonjudicial local 1120 government administrative appeals if the appeals take no longer 1121 than 4 months. Once nonjudicial local administrative appeals 1122 are exhausted and the development order or enforcement action is 1123 final, or within 4 months after issuance of the development order or notice of the enforcement action if the owner has 1124 1125 pursued local administrative appeals even if the appeals have 1126 not been concluded, the owner may initiate a proceeding under 1127 this section. Initiation of a proceeding tolls the time for 1128 seeking judicial review of a local government development order 1129 or enforcement action until the special magistrate's master's 1130 recommendation is acted upon by the local government. Election 1131 by the owner to file for judicial review of a local government 1132 development order or enforcement action prior to initiating a 1133 proceeding under this section waives any right to a special 1134 magistrate master proceeding.

1135 (b) If an owner requests special master relief under this 1136 section from a development order or enforcement action issued by 1137 a state or regional agency, the time for challenging agency 1138 action under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 is tolled. If an owner chooses to bring a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 1139 1140 before initiating a special master proceeding under this 1141 section, then the owner waives any right to a special magistrate 1142 master proceeding unless all parties consent to proceeding to 1143 mediation.

(11) The initial party to the proceeding is the governmental entity that issues the development order to the owner or that is taking the enforcement action. In those instances when the development order or enforcement action is

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1148 the culmination of a process involving more than one 1149 governmental entity or when a complete resolution of all 1150 relevant issues would require the active participation of more 1151 than one governmental entity, the special magistrate master may, 1152 upon application of a party, join those governmental entities as 1153 parties to the proceeding if it will assist in effecting the 1154 purposes of this section, and those governmental entities so 1155 joined shall actively participate in the procedure.

1156 (12) Within 21 days after receipt of the request for 1157 relief, any owner of land contiguous to the owner's property and 1158 any substantially affected person who submitted oral or written 1159 testimony, sworn or unsworn, of a substantive nature which 1160 stated with particularity objections to or support for the 1161 development order or enforcement action at issue may request to 1162 participate in the proceeding. Those persons may be permitted 1163 to participate in the hearing but shall not be granted party or intervenor status. The participation of such persons is limited 1164 to addressing issues raised regarding alternatives, variances, 1165 1166 and other types of adjustment to the development order or 1167 enforcement action which may impact their substantial interests, 1168 including denial of the development order or application of an 1169 enforcement action.

(13) Each party must make efforts to assure that those persons qualified by training or experience necessary to address issues raised by the request or by the special <u>magistrate</u> master and further qualified to address alternatives, variances, and other types of modifications to the development order or enforcement action are present at the hearing.

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1176 (14) The special <u>magistrate</u> master may subpoen aany
1177 nonparty witnesses in the state whom the special <u>magistrate</u>
1178 master believes will aid in the disposition of the matter.

(15)(a) The special <u>magistrate</u> master shall hold a hearing within 45 days after his or her receipt of the request for relief unless a different date is agreed to by all the parties. The hearing must be held in the county in which the property is located.

(b) The special <u>magistrate</u> master must provide notice of the place, date, and time of the hearing to all parties and any other persons who have requested such notice at least 40 days prior to the hearing.

1188 (16)(a) Fifteen days following the filing of a request for 1189 relief, the governmental entity that issued the development 1190 order or that is taking the enforcement action shall file a 1191 response to the request for relief with the special magistrate master together with a copy to the owner. The response must set 1192 1193 forth in reasonable detail the position of the governmental 1194 entity regarding the matters alleged by the owner. The response 1195 must include a brief statement explaining the public purpose of 1196 the regulations on which the development order or enforcement 1197 action is based.

(b) Any governmental entity that is added by the special magistrate master as a party must file a response to the request for relief prior to the hearing but not later than 15 days following its admission.

(c) Any party may incorporate in the response to the
request for relief a request to be dropped from the proceeding.
The request to be dropped must set forth facts and circumstances

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1205 relevant to aid the special <u>magistrate</u> master in ruling on the 1206 request. All requests to be dropped must be disposed of prior 1207 to conducting any hearings on the merits of the request for 1208 relief.

1209 (17)In all respects, the hearing must be informal and 1210 open to the public and does not require the use of an attorney. 1211 The hearing must operate at the direction and under the 1212 supervision of the special magistrate master. The object of the 1213 hearing is to focus attention on the impact of the governmental 1214 action giving rise to the request for relief and to explore 1215 alternatives to the development order or enforcement action and 1216 other regulatory efforts by the governmental entities in order to recommend relief, when appropriate, to the owner. 1217

1218 The first responsibility of the special magistrate (a) 1219 master is to facilitate a resolution of the conflict between the 1220 owner and governmental entities to the end that some 1221 modification of the owner's proposed use of the property or 1222 adjustment in the development order or enforcement action or 1223 regulatory efforts by one or more of the governmental parties 1224 may be reached. Accordingly, the special magistrate master shall 1225 act as a facilitator or mediator between the parties in an 1226 effort to effect a mutually acceptable solution. The parties 1227 shall be represented at the mediation by persons with authority 1228 to bind their respective parties to a solution, or by persons 1229 with authority to recommend a solution directly to the persons 1230 with authority to bind their respective parties to a solution.

(b) If an acceptable solution is not reached by the parties after the special <u>magistrate's master's</u> attempt at mediation, the special magistrate <u>master</u> shall consider the

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1234 facts and circumstances set forth in the request for relief and 1235 any responses and any other information produced at the hearing 1236 in order to determine whether the action by the governmental 1237 entity or entities is unreasonable or unfairly burdens the real 1238 property.

(c) In conducting the hearing, the special <u>magistrate</u> master may hear from all parties and witnesses that are necessary to an understanding of the matter. The special <u>magistrate</u> master shall weigh all information offered at the hearing.

(18) The circumstances to be examined in determining whether the development order or enforcement action, or the development order or enforcement action in conjunction with regulatory efforts of other governmental parties, is unreasonable or unfairly burdens use of the property may include, but are not limited to:

(a) The history of the real property, including when it
was purchased, how much was purchased, where it is located, the
nature of the title, the composition of the property, and how it
was initially used.

(b) The history or development and use of the real property, including what was developed on the property and by whom, if it was subdivided and how and to whom it was sold, whether plats were filed or recorded, and whether infrastructure and other public services or improvements may have been dedicated to the public.

1260 (c) The history of environmental protection and land use 1261 controls and other regulations, including how and when the land

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1262 was classified, how use was proscribed, and what changes in 1263 classifications occurred.

(d) The present nature and extent of the real property,including its natural and altered characteristics.

(e) The reasonable expectations of the owner at the time of acquisition, or immediately prior to the implementation of the regulation at issue, whichever is later, under the regulations then in effect and under common law.

1270 The public purpose sought to be achieved by the (f) 1271 development order or enforcement action, including the nature 1272 and magnitude of the problem addressed by the underlying regulations on which the development order or enforcement action 1273 1274 is based; whether the development order or enforcement action is 1275 necessary to the achievement of the public purpose; and whether 1276 there are alternative development orders or enforcement action 1277 conditions that would achieve the public purpose and allow for 1278 reduced restrictions on the use of the property.

(g) Uses authorized for and restrictions placed on similarproperty.

1281 (h) Any other information determined relevant by the1282 special magistrate master.

(19) Within 14 days after the conclusion of the hearing,
the special <u>magistrate</u> master shall prepare and file with all
parties a written recommendation.

(a) If the special <u>magistrate</u> master finds that the
development order at issue, or the development order or
enforcement action in combination with the actions or
regulations of other governmental entities, is not unreasonable
or does not unfairly burden the use of the owner's property, the

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1291 special <u>magistrate</u> master must recommend that the development 1292 order or enforcement action remain undisturbed and the 1293 proceeding shall end, subject to the owner's retention of all 1294 other available remedies.

1295 (b) If the special magistrate master finds that the 1296 development order or enforcement action, or the development 1297 order or enforcement action in combination with the actions or 1298 regulations of other governmental entities, is unreasonable or 1299 unfairly burdens use of the owner's property, the special 1300 magistrate master, with the owner's consent to proceed, may 1301 recommend one or more alternatives that protect the public interest served by the development order or enforcement action 1302 1303 and regulations at issue but allow for reduced restraints on the 1304 use of the owner's real property, including, but not limited to:

13051. An adjustment of land development or permit standards1306or other provisions controlling the development or use of land.

1307 2. Increases or modifications in the density, intensity,1308 or use of areas of development.

3. The transfer of development rights.

1310 4. Land swaps or exchanges.

1311 5. Mitigation, including payments in lieu of onsite1312 mitigation.

1313 6. Location on the least sensitive portion of the1314 property.

1315 7. Conditioning the amount of development or use1316 permitted.

1317 8. A requirement that issues be addressed on a more1318 comprehensive basis than a single proposed use or development.

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1319 9. Issuance of the development order, a variance, special
1320 exception, or other extraordinary relief, including withdrawal
1321 of the enforcement action.

1322 10. Purchase of the real property, or an interest therein,1323 by an appropriate governmental entity.

(c) This subsection does not prohibit the owner and
governmental entity from entering in to an agreement as to the
permissible use of the property prior to the special <u>magistrate</u>
master entering a recommendation. An agreement for a
permissible use must be incorporated in the special <u>magistrate's</u>
master's recommendation.

1330 (20) The special <u>magistrate's</u> master's recommendation is a 1331 public record under chapter 119. However, actions or statements 1332 of all participants to the special <u>magistrate</u> master proceeding 1333 are evidence of an offer to compromise and inadmissible in any 1334 proceeding, judicial or administrative.

1335 (21) Within 45 days after receipt of the special 1336 <u>magistrate's master's</u> recommendation, the governmental entity 1337 responsible for the development order or enforcement action and 1338 other governmental entities participating in the proceeding must 1339 consult among themselves and each governmental entity must:

1340 Accept the recommendation of the special magistrate (a) 1341 master as submitted and proceed to implement it by development 1342 agreement, when appropriate, or by other method, in the ordinary 1343 course and consistent with the rules and procedures of that 1344 governmental entity. However, the decision of the governmental 1345 entity to accept the recommendation of the special magistrate master with respect to granting a modification, variance, or 1346 1347 special exception to the application of statutes, rules,

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1348 regulations, or ordinances as they would otherwise apply to the 1349 subject property does not require an owner to duplicate previous 1350 processes in which the owner has participated in order to 1351 effectuate the granting of the modification, variance, or 1352 special exception;

(b) Modify the recommendation as submitted by the special magistrate master and proceed to implement it by development agreement, when appropriate, or by other method, in the ordinary course and consistent with the rules and procedures of that governmental entity; or

(c) Reject the recommendation as submitted by the special
magistrate master. Failure to act within 45 days is a rejection
unless the period is extended by agreement of the owner and
issuer of the development order or enforcement action.

(22) If a governmental entity accepts the special <u>magistrate's master's</u> recommendation or modifies it and the owner rejects the acceptance or modification, or if a governmental entity rejects the special <u>magistrate's master's</u> recommendation, the governmental entity must issue a written decision within 30 days that describes as specifically as possible the use or uses available to the subject real property.

(23) The procedure established by this section may not continue longer than 165 days, unless the period is extended by agreement of the parties. A decision describing available uses constitutes the last prerequisite to judicial action and the matter is ripe or final for subsequent judicial proceedings unless the owner initiates a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57. If the owner brings a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and

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1376 120.57, the matter is ripe when the proceeding culminates in a1377 final order whether further appeal is available or not.

1378 (24) The procedure created by this section is not itself, 1379 nor does it create, a judicial cause of action. Once the 1380 governmental entity acts on the special <u>magistrate's master's</u> 1381 recommendation, the owner may elect to file suit in a court of 1382 competent jurisdiction. Invoking the procedures of this section 1383 is not a condition precedent to filing a civil action.

1384 (25) Regardless of the action the governmental entity 1385 takes on the special magistrate's master's recommendation, a 1386 recommendation that the development order or enforcement action, or the development order or enforcement action in combination 1387 1388 with other governmental regulatory actions, is unreasonable or 1389 unfairly burdens use of the owner's real property may serve as 1390 an indication of sufficient hardship to support modification, 1391 variances, or special exceptions to the application of statutes, 1392 rules, regulations, or ordinances to the subject property.

1393 A special magistrate's master's recommendation under (26) 1394 this section constitutes data in support of, and a support 1395 document for, a comprehensive plan or comprehensive plan 1396 amendment, but is not, in and of itself, dispositive of a 1397 determination of compliance with chapter 163. Any comprehensive 1398 plan amendment necessary to carry out the approved 1399 recommendation of a special magistrate master under this section 1400 is exempt from the twice-a-year limit on plan amendments and may 1401 be adopted by the local government amendments in s. 1402 163.3184(16)(d).

1403 (27) The special <u>magistrate</u> master shall send a copy of 1404 the recommendation in each case to the Department of Legal

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Affairs. Each governmental entity, within 15 days after its action on the special <u>magistrate's master's</u> recommendation, shall notify the Department of Legal Affairs in writing as to what action the governmental entity took on the special <u>magistrate's master's</u> recommendation.

1410 (28) Each governmental entity may establish procedural
1411 guidelines to govern the conduct of proceedings authorized by
1412 this section, which must include, but are not limited to,
1413 payment of special <u>magistrate master</u> fees and expenses,
1414 including the costs of providing notice and effecting service of
1415 the request for relief under this section, which shall be borne
1416 equally by the governmental entities and the owner.

1417 (29) This section shall be liberally construed to effect 1418 fully its obvious purposes and intent, and governmental entities 1419 shall direct all available resources and authorities to effect 1420 fully the obvious purposes and intent of this section in resolving disputes. Governmental entities are encouraged to 1421 1422 expedite notice and time-related provisions to implement 1423 resolution of disputes under this section. The procedure 1424 established by this section may be used to resolve disputes in 1425 pending judicial proceedings, with the agreement of the parties 1426 to the judicial proceedings, and subject to the approval of the 1427 court in which the judicial proceedings are pending. The 1428 provisions of this section are cumulative, and do not supplant 1429 other methods agreed to by the parties and lawfully available 1430 for arbitration, mediation, or other forms of alternative 1431 dispute resolution.

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(30) This section applies only to development orders
issued, modified, or amended, or to enforcement actions issued,
on or after October 1, 1995.

1435Section 59.Subsection (1) of section 92.142, Florida1436Statutes, is amended to read:

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92.142 Witnesses; pay.--

(1) Witnesses in all cases, civil and criminal, in all 1438 1439 courts, now or hereafter created, and witnesses summoned before 1440 any arbitrator or general or special magistrate appointed by the 1441 court master in chancery shall receive for each day's actual 1442 attendance \$5 and also 6 cents per mile for actual distance traveled to and from the courts. A witness in a criminal case 1443 1444 required to appear in a county other than the county of his or 1445 her residence and residing more than 50 miles from the location 1446 of the trial shall be entitled to per diem and travel expenses 1447 at the same rate provided for state employees under s. 112.061, in lieu of any other witness fee at the discretion of the court. 1448 Section 60. Section 112.41, Florida Statutes, is amended 1449

1450 to read:

1451 112.41 Contents of order of suspension; Senate select 1452 committee; special magistrate examiner.--

(1) The order of the Governor, in suspending any officer
pursuant to the provisions of s. 7, Art. IV of the State
Constitution, shall specify facts sufficient to advise both the
officer and the Senate as to the charges made or the basis of
the suspension.

1458 (2) The Senate shall conduct a hearing in the manner1459 prescribed by rules of the Senate adopted for this purpose.

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1460 (3) The Senate may provide for a select committee to be 1461 appointed by the Senate in accordance with its rules for the 1462 purpose of hearing the evidence and making its recommendation to 1463 the Senate as to the removal or reinstatement of the suspended 1464 officer.

1465 (4) The Senate may, in lieu of the use of a select
1466 committee, appoint a special examiner or a special magistrate
1467 master to receive the evidence and make recommendations to the
1468 Senate.

1469Section 61.Section 112.43, Florida Statutes, is amended1470to read:

1471 112.43 Prosecution of suspension before Senate.--All 1472 suspensions heard by the Senate, a select committee, or special 1473 magistrate master, or examiner in accordance with rules of the 1474 Senate shall be prosecuted by the Governor, the Governor's legal 1475 staff, or an attorney designated by the Governor. Should the Senate, or the select committee appointed by the Senate to hear 1476 1477 the evidence and to make recommendations, desire private counsel, either the Senate or the select committee shall be 1478 1479 entitled to employ its own counsel for this purpose. Nothing 1480 herein shall prevent the Senate or its select committee from 1481 making its own investigation and presenting such evidence as its 1482 investigation may reveal. The Governor may request the advice 1483 of the Department of Legal Affairs relative to the suspension 1484 order prior to its issuance by the Governor. Following the 1485 issuance of the suspension order, either the Senate or the 1486 select committee may request the Department of Legal Affairs to provide counsel for the Senate to advise on questions of law or 1487 1488 otherwise advise with the Senate or the select committee, but

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1489 the Department of Legal Affairs shall not be required to 1490 prosecute before the Senate or the committee and shall, pursuant 1491 to the terms of this section, act as the legal adviser only.

1492Section 62.Section 112.47, Florida Statutes, is amended1493to read:

1494 112.47 Hearing before Senate select committee; 1495 notice. -- The Senate shall afford each suspended official a 1496 hearing before a select committee or special magistrate, master, 1497 or examiner, and shall notify such suspended official of the 1498 time and place of the hearing sufficiently in advance thereof to 1499 afford such official an opportunity fully and adequately to prepare such defenses as the official may be advised are 1500 1501 necessary and proper, and all such defenses may be presented by 1502 the official or by the official's attorney. In the furtherance 1503 of this provision the Senate shall adopt sufficient procedural 1504 rules to afford due process both to the Governor in the presentation of his or her evidence and to the suspended 1505 official, but in the absence of such adoption, this section 1506 1507 shall afford a full and complete hearing, public in nature, as 1508 required by the State Constitution. However, nothing in this 1509 part shall prevent either the select committee or the Senate 1510 from conducting portions of the hearing in executive session if 1511 the Senate rules so provide.

1512Section 63.Subsection (2) of section 162.03, Florida1513Statutes, is amended to read:

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162.03 Applicability.--

1515 (2) A charter county, a noncharter county, or a
1516 municipality may, by ordinance, adopt an alternate code
1517 enforcement system <u>that</u> which gives code enforcement boards or

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1518 special <u>magistrates</u> masters designated by the local governing 1519 body, or both, the authority to hold hearings and assess fines 1520 against violators of the respective county or municipal codes 1521 and ordinances. A special <u>magistrate</u> master shall have the same 1522 status as an enforcement board under this chapter. References in 1523 this chapter to an enforcement board, except in s. 162.05, shall 1524 include a special <u>magistrate</u> master if the context permits.

1525Section 64.Subsection (5) of section 162.06, Florida1526Statutes, is amended to read:

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162.06 Enforcement procedure. --

(5) If the owner of property that which is subject to an
enforcement proceeding before an enforcement board, special
<u>magistrate</u> master, or court transfers ownership of such property
between the time the initial pleading was served and the time of
the hearing, such owner shall:

(a) Disclose, in writing, the existence and the nature ofthe proceeding to the prospective transferee.

(b) Deliver to the prospective transferee a copy of the
pleadings, notices, and other materials relating to the code
enforcement proceeding received by the transferor.

(c) Disclose, in writing, to the prospective transferee that the new owner will be responsible for compliance with the applicable code and with orders issued in the code enforcement proceeding.

(d) File a notice with the code enforcement official of
the transfer of the property, with the identity and address of
the new owner and copies of the disclosures made to the new
owner, within 5 days after the date of the transfer.

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1548	A failure to make the disclosures described in paragraphs (a),
1549	(b), and (c) before the transfer creates a rebuttable
1550	presumption of fraud. If the property is transferred before the
1551	hearing, the proceeding shall not be dismissed, but the new
1552	owner shall be provided a reasonable period of time to correct
1553	the violation before the hearing is held.
1554	Section 65. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
1555	162.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1556	162.09 Administrative fines; costs of repair; liens
1557	(2)
1558	(d) A county or a municipality having a population equal
1559	to or greater than 50,000 may adopt, by a vote of at least a
1560	majority plus one of the entire governing body of the county or
1561	municipality, an ordinance that gives code enforcement boards or
1562	special <u>magistrates</u> masters , or both, authority to impose fines
1563	in excess of the limits set forth in paragraph(a). Such fines
1564	shall not exceed \$1,000 per day per violation for a first
1565	violation, \$5,000 per day per violation for a repeat violation,
1566	and up to \$15,000 per violation if the code enforcement board or
1567	special <u>magistrate</u> master finds the violation to be irreparable
1568	or irreversible in nature. In addition to such fines, a code
1569	enforcement board or special <u>magistrate</u> master may impose
1570	additional fines to cover all costs incurred by the local
1571	government in enforcing its codes and all costs of repairs
1572	pursuant to subsection (1). Any ordinance imposing such fines
1573	shall include criteria to be considered by the code enforcement
1574	board or special <u>magistrate</u> master in determining the amount of

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1575 the fines, including, but not limited to, those factors set 1576 forth in paragraph (b).

1577 Section 66. Section 173.09, Florida Statutes, is amended 1578 to read:

1579173.09Judgment for complainant; special magistrate's1580master's sale; complainant may purchase and later sell.--

1581 Any such decree shall direct the special magistrate (1)1582 master thereby appointed to sell the several parcels of land 1583 separately to the highest and best bidder for cash (or, at the 1584 option of complainant, to the extent of special assessments 1585 included in such judgment, for bonds or interest coupons issued by complainant), at public outcry at the courthouse door of the 1586 1587 county in which such suit is pending, or at such point or place 1588 in the complainant municipality as the court in such final 1589 decree may direct, after having advertised such sale (which 1590 advertisement may include all lands so ordered sold) once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the 1591 1592 municipality city or town in which is the complainant arose or, 1593 if there is no such newspaper, in a newspaper published in the 1594 county in which the suit is pending, and if all the lands so 1595 advertised for sale be not sold on the day specified in such 1596 advertisement, such sale shall be continued from day to day 1597 until the sale of all such land is completed.

(2) Such sales shall be subject to confirmation by the court, and <u>the</u> said special <u>magistrate</u> master shall, upon confirmation of the sale or sales, deliver to the purchaser or purchasers at said sale a deed of conveyance of the property so sold; provided, however, that in any case where any lands are offered for sale by the special <u>magistrate</u> master and the sum of

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1604 the tax, tax certificates and special assessments, interest, 1605 penalty, costs, and attorney's fee is not bid for the same, the 1606 complainant may bid the whole amount due and the special 1607 <u>magistrate</u> master shall thereupon convey such parcel or parcels 1608 of land to the complainant.

(3) The property so bid in by complainant shall become its property in fee simple and may be disposed of by it in the manner provided by law, except that in the sale or disposition of any such lands the <u>municipality</u> city or town may, in its discretion, accept in payment or part payment therefor any bonds or interest coupons constituting liabilities of <u>the municipality</u> said city or town.

1616 Section 67. Section 173.10, Florida Statutes, is amended 1617 to read:

1618 173.10 Judgment for complainant; court may order payment 1619 of other taxes or sale subject to taxes; special <u>magistrate's</u> 1620 master's conveyances.--

In the judgment or decree the court may, in its 1621 (1)1622 discretion, direct the payment of all unpaid state and county 1623 taxes and also all unpaid municipal city or town taxes and 1624 special assessments or installments thereof, imposed or falling 1625 due since the institution of the suit, with the penalties and 1626 costs, out of the proceeds of such foreclosure sale, or it may 1627 order and direct such sale or sales to be made subject to such 1628 state, and county, and municipal city or town taxes and special 1629 assessments.

1630 (2) Any and all conveyances by the special <u>magistrate</u>
1631 master shall vest in the purchaser the fee simple title to the
1632 property so sold, subject only to such liens for state and

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1633 county taxes or taxing districts whose liens are of equal 1634 dignity, and liens for municipal taxes and special assessments, 1635 or installments thereof, as are not directed by the decree of 1636 sale to be paid out of the proceeds of said sale.

1637 Section 68. Section 173.11, Florida Statutes, is amended 1638 to read:

173.11 Distribution of proceeds of sale .-- The proceeds of 1639 1640 any foreclosure sale authorized by this chapter shall be 1641 distributed by the special magistrate master conducting the sale 1642 according to the final decree, and if any surplus remains after 1643 the payment of the full amount of the decree, costs and 1644 attorney's fees, and any subsequent tax liens that which may be 1645 directed by such decree to be paid from the proceeds of sale, 1646 such surplus shall be deposited with the clerk of the court and disbursed under order of the court. 1647

1648 Section 69. Section 173.12, Florida Statutes, is amended 1649 to read:

173.12 Lands may be redeemed prior to sale.--Any person 1650 1651 interested in any lands included in the suit may redeem such 1652 lands at any time prior to the sale thereof by the special 1653 magistrate master by paying into the registry of the court the 1654 amount due for delinquent taxes, interest and penalties thereon, 1655 and such proportionate part of the expense, attorney's fees, and 1656 costs of suit as may have been fixed by the court in its decree of sale, or by written stipulation of complainant, and thereupon 1657 such lands shall be dismissed from the cause. 1658

1659 Section 70. Subsection (1) of section 194.013, Florida
1660 Statutes, is amended to read:

1661 194.013 Filing fees for petitions; disposition; waiver.--

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1662 If so required by resolution of the value adjustment (1)1663 board, a petition filed pursuant to s. 194.011 shall be 1664 accompanied by a filing fee to be paid to the clerk of the value 1665 adjustment board in an amount determined by the board not to 1666 exceed \$15 for each separate parcel of property, real or 1667 personal, covered by the petition and subject to appeal. 1668 However, no such filing fee may be required with respect to an 1669 appeal from the disapproval of homestead exemption under s. 1670 196.151 or from the denial of tax deferral under s. 197.253. 1671 Only a single filing fee shall be charged under this section as 1672 to any particular parcel of property despite the existence of 1673 multiple issues and hearings pertaining to such parcel. For 1674 joint petitions filed pursuant to s. 194.011(3)(e) or (f), a 1675 single filing fee shall be charged. Such fee shall be calculated 1676 as the cost of the special magistrate master for the time 1677 involved in hearing the joint petition and shall not exceed \$5 1678 per parcel. Said fee is to be proportionately paid by affected 1679 parcel owners.

Section 71. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and subsections (2) and (6) of section 194.034, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1683 194.034 Hearing procedures; rules.--

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(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no
petitioner may present for consideration, nor may a board or
special <u>magistrate</u> master accept for consideration, testimony or
other evidentiary materials that were requested of the
petitioner in writing by the property appraiser of which the
petitioner had knowledge and denied to the property appraiser.

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1691 In each case, except when a complaint is withdrawn by (2) 1692 the petitioner or is acknowledged as correct by the property 1693 appraiser, the value adjustment board shall render a written 1694 decision. All such decisions shall be issued within 20 calendar 1695 days after of the last day the board is in session under s. 1696 194.032. The decision of the board shall contain findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall include reasons for 1697 1698 upholding or overturning the determination of the property 1699 appraiser. When a special magistrate master has been appointed, 1700 the recommendations of the special magistrate master shall be 1701 considered by the board. The clerk, upon issuance of the decisions, shall, on a form provided by the Department of 1702 1703 Revenue, notify by first-class mail each taxpayer, the property 1704 appraiser, and the department of the decision of the board.

1705 (6) For purposes of hearing joint petitions filed pursuant 1706 to s. 194.011(3)(e), each included parcel shall be considered by 1707 the board as a separate petition. Such separate petitions shall 1708 be heard consecutively by the board. If a special <u>magistrate</u> 1709 master is appointed, such separate petitions shall all be 1710 assigned to the same special magistrate <u>master</u>.

1711 Section 72. Section 194.035, Florida Statutes, is amended1712 to read:

1713 194.035 Special <u>magistrates</u> masters; property
1714 evaluators.--

(1) In counties having a population of more than 75,000,
the board shall appoint special <u>magistrates</u> masters for the
purpose of taking testimony and making recommendations to the
board, which recommendations the board may act upon without
further hearing. <u>These</u> Such special <u>magistrates</u> masters may not

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1720 be elected or appointed officials or employees of the county but 1721 shall be selected from a list of those qualified individuals who 1722 are willing to serve as special magistrates masters. Employees 1723 and elected or appointed officials of a taxing jurisdiction or 1724 of the state may not serve as special magistrates masters. The 1725 clerk of the board shall annually notify such individuals or 1726 their professional associations to make known to them that 1727 opportunities to serve as special magistrates masters exist. The 1728 Department of Revenue shall provide a list of qualified special 1729 magistrates masters to any county with a population of 75,000 or less. Subject to appropriation, the department shall reimburse 1730 counties with a population of 75,000 or less for payments made 1731 1732 to special magistrates masters appointed for the purpose of 1733 taking testimony and making recommendations to the value 1734 adjustment board pursuant to this section. The department shall 1735 establish a reasonable range for payments per case to special magistrates masters based on such payments in other counties. 1736 1737 Requests for reimbursement of payments outside this range shall 1738 be justified by the county. If the total of all requests for 1739 reimbursement in any year exceeds the amount available pursuant 1740 to this section, payments to all counties shall be prorated 1741 accordingly. A special magistrate master appointed to hear issues of exemptions and classifications shall be a member of 1742 1743 The Florida Bar with no less than 5 years' experience in the 1744 area of ad valorem taxation. A special magistrate master 1745 appointed to hear issues regarding the valuation of real estate 1746 shall be a state certified real estate appraiser with not less 1747 than 5 years' experience in real property valuation. A special 1748 magistrate master appointed to hear issues regarding the

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1749 valuation of tangible personal property shall be a designated 1750 member of a nationally recognized appraiser's organization with 1751 not less than 5 years' experience in tangible personal property 1752 valuation. A special magistrate master need not be a resident of 1753 the county in which he or she serves. A No special magistrate 1754 may not master shall be permitted to represent a person before 1755 the board in any tax year during which he or she has served that 1756 board as a special magistrate master. The board shall appoint 1757 special magistrates such masters from the list so compiled prior 1758 to convening of the board. The expense of hearings before 1759 special magistrates masters and any compensation of special magistrates masters shall be borne three-fifths by the board of 1760 1761 county commissioners and two-fifths by the school board.

1762 The value adjustment board of each county may employ (2) 1763 qualified property appraisers or evaluators to appear before the 1764 value adjustment board at that meeting of the board which is held for the purpose of hearing complaints. Such property 1765 1766 appraisers or evaluators shall present testimony as to the just 1767 value of any property the value of which is contested before the 1768 board and shall submit to examination by the board, the 1769 taxpayer, and the property appraiser.

1770Section 73.Section 206.16, Florida Statutes, is amended1771to read:

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206.16 Officer selling property.--

1773 (1) No sheriff, receiver, assignee, <u>general or special</u>
1774 <u>magistrate</u> master, or other officer shall sell the property or
1775 franchise of any person for failure to pay fuel taxes,
1776 penalties, or interest without first filing with the department
1777 a statement containing the following information:

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1778 (a) The name of the plaintiff or party at whose instance1779 or upon whose account the sale is made;

(b) The name of the person whose property or franchise isto be sold;

1782 (c) The time and place of sale; and

1783 (d) The nature of the property and the location of the 1784 same.

1785 The department, after receiving notice as aforesaid, (2) 1786 shall furnish to the sheriff, receiver, trustee, assignee, 1787 general or special magistrate master, or other officer having 1788 charge of the sale a certified copy or copies of all fuel taxes, 1789 penalties, and interest on file in the office of the department 1790 as liens against such person, and, in the event there are no 1791 such liens, a certificate showing that fact, which certified 1792 copies or copy of certificate shall be publicly read by such 1793 officer at and immediately before the sale of the property or franchise of such person. 1794

1795 Section 74. Section 207.016, Florida Statutes, is amended 1796 to read:

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207.016 Officer's sale of property or franchise.--

1798 (1) No sheriff, receiver, assignee, <u>general or special</u>
 1799 <u>magistrate</u> master, or other officer shall sell the property or
 1800 franchise of any person for failure to pay taxes, penalties, or
 1801 interest without first filing with the department a statement
 1802 containing the following information:

1803 (a) The name of the plaintiff or party at whose instance1804 or upon whose account the sale is made.

1805 (b) The name of the person whose property or franchise is1806 to be sold.

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1807 (c) The time and place of sale.

1808 (d) The nature of the property and the location of the 1809 same.

1810 (2) The department, after receiving notice as provided in 1811 subsection (1), shall furnish to the sheriff, receiver, trustee, assignee, general or special magistrate master, or other officer 1812 having charge of the sale a certified copy or copies of all 1813 1814 taxes, penalties, and interest on file in the office of the 1815 department as liens against such person and, in the event there 1816 are no such liens, a certificate showing that fact, which 1817 certified copy or copies of certificate shall be publicly read 1818 by such officer at and immediately before the sale of the 1819 property or franchise of such person.

1820 Section 75. Section 320.411, Florida Statutes, is amended 1821 to read:

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320.411 Officer's sale of property or franchise.--

1823 (1) No sheriff, receiver, assignee, <u>general or special</u>
1824 <u>magistrate</u> master, or other officer shall sell the property or
1825 franchise of any motor carrier for failure to pay taxes,
1826 penalties, or interest without first filing with the department
1827 a statement containing the following information:

(a) The name of the plaintiff or party at whose instanceor upon whose account the sale is made.

(b) The name of the motor carrier whose property orfranchise is to be sold.

1832 (c) The time and place of sale.

1833 (d) The nature of the property and the location of the 1834 same.

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1835 The department, after receiving notice as provided in (2) 1836 subsection (1), shall furnish to the sheriff, receiver, trustee, 1837 assignee, general or special magistrate master, or other officer 1838 having charge of the sale a certified copy of all taxes, 1839 penalties, and interest on file in the office of the department 1840 as liens against such motor carrier and, in the event there are 1841 no such liens, a certificate showing that fact, which certified 1842 copy or copies of certificate shall be publicly read by such 1843 officer at and immediately before the sale of the property or franchise of such motor carrier. 1844

1845 Section 76. Subsection (7) of section 393.11, Florida 1846 Statutes, is amended to read:

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393.11 Involuntary admission to residential services.-- (7) HEARING.--

(a) The hearing for involuntary admission shall be
conducted, and the order shall be entered, in the county in
which the person is residing or be as convenient to the person
as may be consistent with orderly procedure. The hearing shall
be conducted in a physical setting not likely to be injurious to
the person's condition.

(b) A hearing on the petition shall be held as soon as
practicable after the petition is filed, but reasonable delay
for the purpose of investigation, discovery, or procuring
counsel or witnesses shall be granted.

(c) The court may appoint a <u>general or special magistrate</u>
 master to preside. Except as otherwise specified, the
 <u>magistrate's master's</u> proceeding shall be governed by Rule
 1.490, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

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(d) The person with mental retardation shall be physically present throughout the entire proceeding. If the person's attorney believes that the person's presence at the hearing is not in the person's best interest, the person's presence may be waived once the court has seen the person and the hearing has commenced.

1869 The person shall have the right to present evidence (e) 1870 and to cross-examine all witnesses and other evidence alleging 1871 the appropriateness of the person's admission to residential 1872 care. Other relevant and material evidence regarding the 1873 appropriateness of the person's admission to residential 1874 services; the most appropriate, least restrictive residential 1875 placement; and the appropriate care, treatment, and habilitation 1876 of the person, including written or oral reports, may be 1877 introduced at the hearing by any interested person.

(f) The petitioning commission may be represented by counsel at the hearing. The petitioning commission shall have the right to call witnesses, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and present argument on behalf of the petitioning commission.

(g) All evidence shall be presented according to chapter 90. The burden of proof shall be on the party alleging the appropriateness of the person's admission to residential services. The burden of proof shall be by clear and convincing evidence.

1888 (h) All stages of each proceeding shall be1889 stenographically reported.

1890 Section 77. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 394.467,1891 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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394.467 Involuntary placement.--

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(6) HEARING ON INVOLUNTARY PLACEMENT.--

1894 The court shall hold the hearing on involuntary (a)1. 1895 placement within 5 days, unless a continuance is granted. The 1896 hearing shall be held in the county where the patient is located 1897 and shall be as convenient to the patient as may be consistent 1898 with orderly procedure and shall be conducted in physical 1899 settings not likely to be injurious to the patient's condition. 1900 If the court finds that the patient's attendance at the hearing 1901 is not consistent with the best interests of the patient, and 1902 the patient's counsel does not object, the court may waive the 1903 presence of the patient from all or any portion of the hearing. 1904 The state attorney for the circuit in which the patient is 1905 located shall represent the state, rather than the petitioning 1906 facility administrator, as the real party in interest in the 1907 proceeding.

The court may appoint a general or special magistrate 1908 2. 1909 master to preside at the hearing. One of the professionals who 1910 executed the involuntary placement certificate shall be a 1911 The patient and the patient's guardian or witness. 1912 representative shall be informed by the court of the right to an 1913 independent expert examination. If the patient cannot afford 1914 such an examination, the court shall provide for one. The 1915 independent expert's report shall be confidential and not 1916 discoverable, unless the expert is to be called as a witness for 1917 the patient at the hearing. The testimony in the hearing must be 1918 given under oath, and the proceedings must be recorded. The 1919 patient may refuse to testify at the hearing.

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1920 If the court concludes that the patient meets the (b) 1921 criteria for involuntary placement, it shall order that the 1922 patient be transferred to a treatment facility or, if the 1923 patient is at a treatment facility, that the patient be retained 1924 there or be treated at any other appropriate receiving or 1925 treatment facility, or that the patient receive services from a 1926 receiving or treatment facility, on an involuntary basis, for a 1927 period of up to 6 months. The order shall specify the nature and 1928 extent of the patient's mental illness. The facility shall 1929 discharge a patient any time the patient no longer meets the 1930 criteria for involuntary placement, unless the patient has 1931 transferred to voluntary status.

1932 If at any time prior to the conclusion of the hearing (C) 1933 on involuntary placement it appears to the court that the person 1934 does not meet the criteria for involuntary placement under this 1935 chapter, but instead meets the criteria for involuntary assessment, protective custody, or involuntary admission 1936 1937 pursuant to s. 397.675, then the court may order the person to 1938 be admitted for involuntary assessment for a period of 5 days 1939 pursuant to s. 397.6811. Thereafter, all proceedings shall be 1940 governed by chapter 397.

(d) At the hearing on involuntary placement, the court shall consider testimony and evidence regarding the patient's competence to consent to treatment. If the court finds that the patient is incompetent to consent to treatment, it shall appoint a guardian advocate as provided in s. 394.4598.

(e) The administrator of the receiving facility shall
provide a copy of the court order and adequate documentation of
a patient's mental illness to the administrator of a treatment

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1949 facility whenever a patient is ordered for involuntary placement, whether by civil or criminal court. 1950 Such 1951 documentation shall include any advance directives made by the 1952 patient, a psychiatric evaluation of the patient, and any 1953 evaluations of the patient performed by a clinical psychologist 1954 or a clinical social worker. The administrator of a treatment facility may refuse admission to any patient directed to its 1955 1956 facilities on an involuntary basis, whether by civil or criminal 1957 court order, who is not accompanied at the same time by adequate 1958 orders and documentation.

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(7) PROCEDURE FOR CONTINUED INVOLUNTARY PLACEMENT. --

1960 (a) Hearings on petitions for continued involuntary 1961 placement shall be administrative hearings and shall be 1962 conducted in accordance with the provisions of s. 120.57(1), 1963 except that any order entered by the administrative law judge 1964 hearing officer shall be final and subject to judicial review in accordance with s. 120.68. Orders concerning patients committed 1965 1966 after successfully pleading not guilty by reason of insanity 1967 shall be governed by the provisions of s. 916.15.

1968 If the patient continues to meet the criteria for (b) 1969 involuntary placement, the administrator shall, prior to the 1970 expiration of the period during which the treatment facility is authorized to retain the patient, file a petition requesting 1971 1972 authorization for continued involuntary placement. The request 1973 shall be accompanied by a statement from the patient's physician 1974 or clinical psychologist justifying the request, a brief 1975 description of the patient's treatment during the time he or she was involuntarily placed, and an individualized plan of 1976 1977 continued treatment. Notice of the hearing shall be provided as

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1978 set forth in s. 394.4599. If at the hearing the administrative 1979 law judge hearing officer finds that attendance at the hearing 1980 is not consistent with the best interests of the patient, the 1981 administrative law judge hearing officer may waive the presence 1982 of the patient from all or any portion of the hearing, unless the patient, through counsel, objects to the waiver of presence. 1983 1984 The testimony in the hearing must be under oath, and the 1985 proceedings must be recorded.

(c) Unless the patient is otherwise represented or is
ineligible, he or she shall be represented at the hearing on the
petition for continued involuntary placement by the public
defender of the circuit in which the facility is located.

(d) If at a hearing it is shown that the patient continues to meet the criteria for involuntary placement, the administrative law judge shall sign the order for continued involuntary placement for a period not to exceed 6 months. The same procedure shall be repeated prior to the expiration of each additional period the patient is retained.

(e) If continued involuntary placement is necessary for a
patient admitted while serving a criminal sentence, but whose
sentence is about to expire, or for a patient involuntarily
placed while a minor but who is about to reach the age of 18,
the administrator shall petition the administrative law judge
for an order authorizing continued involuntary placement.

(f) If the patient has been previously found incompetent to consent to treatment, the <u>administrative law judge</u> hearing officer shall consider testimony and evidence regarding the patient's competence. If the <u>administrative law judge</u> hearing officer finds evidence that the patient is now competent to

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2007 consent to treatment, the <u>administrative law judge</u> hearing 2008 officer may issue a recommended order to the court that found 2009 the patient incompetent to consent to treatment that the 2010 patient's competence be restored and that any guardian advocate 2011 previously appointed be discharged.

2012 Section 78. Subsection (7) of section 397.311, Florida 2013 Statutes, is amended to read:

2014 397.311 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, except part 2015 VIII:

2016 "Court" means, with respect to all involuntary (7) 2017 proceedings under this chapter, the circuit court of the county in which the judicial proceeding is pending or where the 2018 2019 substance abuse impaired person resides or is located, and 2020 includes any general or special magistrate master that may be 2021 appointed by the chief judge to preside over all or part of such 2022 proceeding. Otherwise, "court" refers to the court of legal jurisdiction in the context in which the term is used in this 2023 2024 chapter.

2025 Section 79. Subsection (1) of section 397.681, Florida 2026 Statutes, is amended to read:

2027 397.681 Involuntary petitions; general provisions; court 2028 jurisdiction and right to counsel.--

(1) JURISDICTION.--The courts have jurisdiction of involuntary assessment and stabilization petitions and involuntary treatment petitions for substance abuse impaired persons, and such petitions must be filed with the clerk of the court in the county where the person is located. The chief judge may appoint a general or special magistrate master to

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2035 preside over all or part of the proceedings. The alleged 2036 impaired person is named as the respondent.

2037 Section 80. Subsection (5) of section 447.207, Florida 2038 Statutes, is amended to read:

447.207 Commission; powers and duties.--

(5) The commission shall adopt rules as to the qualifications of persons who may serve as mediators and special <u>magistrates</u> masters and shall maintain lists of such qualified persons who are not employees of the commission. The commission may initiate dispute resolution procedures by special <u>magistrates</u> masters, pursuant to the provisions of this part.

2046Section 81.Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section2047447.403, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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447.403 Resolution of impasses. --

2049 (2)(a) If no mediator is appointed, or upon the request of 2050 either party, the commission shall appoint, and submit all unresolved issues to, a special magistrate master acceptable to 2051 2052 both parties. If the parties are unable to agree on the 2053 appointment of a special magistrate master, the commission shall 2054 appoint, in its discretion, a qualified special magistrate 2055 master. However, if the parties agree in writing to waive the 2056 appointment of a special magistrate master, the parties may 2057 proceed directly to resolution of the impasse by the legislative 2058 body pursuant to paragraph (4)(d). Nothing in this section 2059 precludes the parties from using the services of a mediator at 2060 any time during the conduct of collective bargaining.

2061 (b) If the Governor is the public employer, no special 2062 <u>magistrate</u> master shall be appointed. The parties may proceed

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2063 directly to the Legislature for resolution of the impasse 2064 pursuant to paragraph (4)(d).

2065 The special magistrate master shall hold hearings in (3) 2066 order to define the area or areas of dispute, to determine facts 2067 relating to the dispute, and to render a decision on any and all 2068 unresolved contract issues. The hearings shall be held at 2069 times, dates, and places to be established by the special 2070 magistrate master in accordance with rules promulgated by the 2071 commission. The special magistrate master shall be empowered to 2072 administer oaths and issue subpoenas on behalf of the parties to 2073 the dispute or on his or her own behalf. Within 15 calendar days after the close of the final hearing, the special 2074 2075 magistrate master shall transmit his or her recommended decision 2076 to the commission and to the representatives of both parties by 2077 registered mail, return receipt requested. Such recommended 2078 decision shall be discussed by the parties, and each recommendation of the special magistrate master shall be deemed 2079 2080 approved by both parties unless specifically rejected by either 2081 party by written notice filed with the commission within 20 2082 calendar days after the date the party received the special magistrate's master's recommended decision. The written notice 2083 2084 shall include a statement of the cause for each rejection and 2085 shall be served upon the other party.

2086 (4) If the public employer or the employee organization 2087 does not accept, in whole or in part, the recommended decision 2088 of the special magistrate master:

(a) The chief executive officer of the governmental entity
 involved shall, within 10 days after rejection of a
 recommendation of the special <u>magistrate</u> master, submit to the

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2092 legislative body of the governmental entity involved a copy of 2093 the findings of fact and recommended decision of the special 2094 <u>magistrate master</u>, together with the chief executive officer's 2095 recommendations for settling the disputed impasse issues. The 2096 chief executive officer shall also transmit his or her 2097 recommendations to the employee organization;

(b) The employee organization shall submit its
recommendations for settling the disputed impasse issues to such
legislative body and to the chief executive officer;

(c) The legislative body or a duly authorized committee thereof shall forthwith conduct a public hearing at which the parties shall be required to explain their positions with respect to the rejected recommendations of the special <u>magistrate master</u>;

(d) Thereafter, the legislative body shall take such action as it deems to be in the public interest, including the interest of the public employees involved, to resolve all disputed impasse issues; and

Following the resolution of the disputed impasse 2110 (e) 2111 issues by the legislative body, the parties shall reduce to 2112 writing an agreement which includes those issues agreed to by 2113 the parties and those disputed impasse issues resolved by the legislative body's action taken pursuant to paragraph(d). The 2114 2115 agreement shall be signed by the chief executive officer and the 2116 bargaining agent and shall be submitted to the public employer 2117 and to the public employees who are members of the bargaining 2118 unit for ratification. If such agreement is not ratified by all parties, pursuant to the provisions of s. 447.309, the 2119 2120 legislative body's action taken pursuant to the provisions of

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2121 paragraph (d) shall take effect as of the date of such 2122 legislative body's action for the remainder of the first fiscal year which was the subject of negotiations; however, the 2123 2124 legislative body's action shall not take effect with respect to 2125 those disputed impasse issues which establish the language of contractual provisions which could have no effect in the absence 2126 2127 of a ratified agreement, including, but not limited to, 2128 preambles, recognition clauses, and duration clauses.

2129Section 82.Section 447.405, Florida Statutes, is amended2130to read:

2131 447.405 Factors to be considered by the special magistrate 2132 master. -- The special magistrate master shall conduct the 2133 hearings and render recommended decisions with the objective of 2134 achieving a prompt, peaceful, and just settlement of disputes 2135 between the public employee organizations and the public 2136 employers. The factors, among others, to be given weight by the special magistrate master in arriving at a recommended decision 2137 2138 shall include:

(1) Comparison of the annual income of employment of the public employees in question with the annual income of employment maintained for the same or similar work of employees exhibiting like or similar skills under the same or similar working conditions in the local operating area involved.

(2) Comparison of the annual income of employment of the public employees in question with the annual income of employment of public employees in similar public employee governmental bodies of comparable size within the state.

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(3) The interest and welfare of the public.

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2149	(4) Comparison of peculiarities of employment in regard to
2150	other trades or professions, specifically with respect to:
2151	(a) Hazards of employment.
2152	(b) Physical qualifications.
2153	(c) Educational qualifications.
2154	(d) Intellectual qualifications.
2155	(e) Job training and skills.
2156	(f) Retirement plans.
2157	(g) Sick leave.
2158	(h) Job security.
2159	(5) Availability of funds.
2160	Section 83. Section 447.407, Florida Statutes, is amended
2161	to read:
2162	447.407 Compensation of mediator and special magistrate
2163	master; expensesThe compensation of the mediator and special
2164	magistrate master, and all stenographic and other expenses,
2165	shall be borne equally by the parties.
2166	Section 84. Section 447.409, Florida Statutes, is amended
2167	to read:
2168	447.409 RecordsAll records <u>that</u> which are relevant to,
2169	or have a bearing upon, any issue or issues raised by the
2170	proceedings conducted by the special <u>magistrate</u> master shall be
2171	made available to the special <u>magistrate</u> master by a request in
2172	writing to any of the parties to the impasse proceedings.
2173	Notice of such request <u>must</u> shall be furnished to all parties.
2174	Any such records <u>that</u> which are made available to the special
2175	magistrate must master shall also be made available to any other
2176	party to the impasse proceedings, upon written request.

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 Section 85. Subsections (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6)

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 of section 475.011, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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 475.011 Exemptions.--This part does not apply to:

2180 Any person acting as an attorney in fact for the (1)2181 purpose of the execution of contracts or conveyances only; as an 2182 attorney at law within the scope of her or his duties as such; 2183 as a certified public accountant, as defined in chapter 473, 2184 within the scope of her or his duties as such; as the personal 2185 representative, receiver, trustee, or general or special 2186 magistrate master under, or by virtue of, an appointment by will 2187 or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or as trustee under a deed of trust, or under a trust agreement, the ultimate 2188 2189 purpose and intent whereof is charitable, is philanthropic, or 2190 provides for those having a natural right to the bounty of the 2191 donor or trustor.+

2192 (2) Any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, joint 2193 venture, or other entity which sells, exchanges, or leases its 2194 own real property; however, this exemption shall not be 2195 available if and to the extent that an agent, employee, or 2196 independent contractor paid a commission or other compensation 2197 strictly on a transactional basis is employed to make sales, 2198 exchanges, or leases to or with customers in the ordinary course of an owner's business of selling, exchanging, or leasing real 2199 2200 property to the public.+

(3) Any employee of a public utility, a rural electric cooperative, a railroad, or a state or local governmental agency who acts within the scope of her or his employment, for which no compensation in addition to the employee's salary is paid, to buy, sell, appraise, exchange, rent, auction, or lease any real

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2206 property or any interest in real property for the use of her or 2207 his employer. \div

2208 (4) Any salaried employee of an owner, or of a registered 2209 broker for an owner, of an apartment community who works in an 2210 onsite rental office of the apartment community in a leasing 2211 capacity. \div

2212 (5) Any person employed for a salary as a manager of a 2213 condominium or cooperative apartment complex as a result of any 2214 activities or duties which the person may have in relation to 2215 the renting of individual units within such condominium or 2216 cooperative apartment complex if rentals arranged by the person 2217 are for periods no greater than 1 year. \div

2218 (6) Any person, partnership, corporation, or other legal 2219 entity which, for another and for compensation or other valuable 2220 consideration, sells, offers to sell, advertises for sale, buys, 2221 offers to buy, or negotiates the sale or purchase of radio, television, or cable enterprises licensed and regulated by the 2222 2223 Federal Communications Commission pursuant to the Communications 2224 Act of 1934. However, if the sale or purchase of the radio, 2225 television, or cable enterprise involves the sale or lease of 2226 land, buildings, fixtures, and all other improvements to the 2227 land, a broker or salesperson licensed under this chapter shall 2228 be retained for the portion of the transaction which includes 2229 the land, buildings, fixtures, and all other improvements to the 2230 land.; or

2231 Section 86. Paragraphs (d), (f), (g), (h), and (j) of 2232 subsection (5) of section 489.127, Florida Statutes, are amended 2233 to read:

489.127 Prohibitions; penalties.--

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(5) Each county or municipality may, at its option, designate one or more of its code enforcement officers, as defined in chapter 162, to enforce, as set out in this subsection, the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 489.132(1) against persons who engage in activity for which a county or municipal certificate of competency or license or state certification or registration is required.

2242 The act for which the citation is issued shall be (d) 2243 ceased upon receipt of the citation; and the person charged with 2244 the violation shall elect either to correct the violation and 2245 pay the civil penalty in the manner indicated on the citation or, within 10 days after of receipt of the citation, exclusive 2246 2247 of weekends and legal holidays, request an administrative 2248 hearing before the enforcement or licensing board or designated 2249 special magistrate master to appeal the issuance of the citation 2250 by the code enforcement officer.

Hearings shall be held before an enforcement or
 licensing board or designated special <u>magistrate</u> master as
 established by s. 162.03(2), and such hearings shall be
 conducted pursuant to the requirements of ss. 162.07 and 162.08.

2255 2. Failure of a violator to appeal the decision of the 2256 code enforcement officer within the time period set forth in 2257 this paragraph shall constitute a waiver of the violator's right 2258 to an administrative hearing. A waiver of the right to an 2259 administrative hearing shall be deemed an admission of the 2260 violation, and penalties may be imposed accordingly.

3. If the person issued the citation, or his or her
designated representative, shows that the citation is invalid or
that the violation has been corrected prior to appearing before

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the enforcement or licensing board or designated special <u>magistrate</u> master, the enforcement or licensing board or designated special <u>magistrate</u> master may dismiss the citation unless the violation is irreparable or irreversible.

4. Each day a willful, knowing violation continues shall
constitute a separate offense under the provisions of this
subsection.

2271 (f) If the enforcement or licensing board or designated 2272 special magistrate master finds that a violation exists, the 2273 enforcement or licensing board or designated special magistrate 2274 master may order the violator to pay a civil penalty of not less than the amount set forth on the citation but not more than 2275 2276 \$1,000 per day for each violation. In determining the amount of 2277 the penalty, the enforcement or licensing board or designated 2278 special magistrate master shall consider the following factors:

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1. The gravity of the violation.

2280 2. Any actions taken by the violator to correct the 2281 violation.

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3. Any previous violations committed by the violator.

2283 (g) Upon written notification by the code enforcement officer that a violator had not contested the citation or paid 2284 2285 the civil penalty within the timeframe allowed on the citation, 2286 or if a violation has not been corrected within the timeframe 2287 set forth on the notice of violation, the enforcement or licensing board or the designated special magistrate master 2288 2289 shall enter an order ordering the violator to pay the civil 2290 penalty set forth on the citation or notice of violation, and a 2291 hearing shall not be necessary for the issuance of such order.

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2292 (h) A certified copy of an order imposing a civil penalty 2293 against an uncertified contractor may be recorded in the public 2294 records and thereafter shall constitute a lien against any real 2295 or personal property owned by the violator. Upon petition to 2296 the circuit court, such order may be enforced in the same manner 2297 as a court judgment by the sheriffs of this state, including a levy against personal property; however, such order shall not be 2298 2299 deemed to be a court judgment except for enforcement purposes. 2300 A civil penalty imposed pursuant to this part shall continue to 2301 accrue until the violator comes into compliance or until 2302 judgment is rendered in a suit to foreclose on a lien filed pursuant to this subsection, whichever occurs first. After 3 2303 2304 months following from the filing of any such lien which remains 2305 unpaid, the enforcement board or licensing board or designated 2306 special magistrate master may authorize the local governing 2307 body's attorney to foreclose on the lien. No lien created 2308 pursuant to the provisions of this part may be foreclosed on 2309 real property which is a homestead under s. 4, Art. X of the State Constitution. 2310

An aggrieved party, including the local governing 2311 (i) 2312 body, may appeal a final administrative order of an enforcement 2313 board or licensing board or designated special magistrate master 2314 to the circuit court. Such an appeal shall not be a hearing de 2315 novo but shall be limited to appellate review of the record 2316 created before the enforcement board or licensing board or 2317 designated special magistrate master. An appeal shall be filed 2318 within 30 days after of the execution of the order to be 2319 appealed.

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2320 Section 87. Paragraphs (d), (f), (g), (h), and (j) of 2321 subsection (4) of section 489.531, Florida Statutes, are amended 2322 to read:

2323 489.531 Prohibitions; penalties.--

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2325 (d) The act for which the citation is issued shall be 2326 ceased upon receipt of the citation; and the person charged with 2327 the violation shall elect either to correct the violation and 2328 pay the civil penalty in the manner indicated on the citation 2329 or, within 10 days after of receipt of the citation, exclusive 2330 of weekends and legal holidays, request an administrative hearing before the enforcement or licensing board or designated 2331 2332 special magistrate master to appeal the issuance of the citation 2333 by the code enforcement officer.

Hearings shall be held before an enforcement or
 Hearings board or designated special <u>magistrate</u> master as
 established by s. 162.03(2) and such hearings shall be conducted
 pursuant to ss. 162.07 and 162.08.

2338 2. Failure of a violator to appeal the decision of the 2339 code enforcement officer within the time period set forth in 2340 this paragraph shall constitute a waiver of the violator's right 2341 to an administrative hearing. A waiver of the right to 2342 administrative hearing shall be deemed an admission of the 2343 violation and penalties may be imposed accordingly.

3. If the person issued the citation, or his or her
designated representative, shows that the citation is invalid or
that the violation has been corrected prior to appearing before
the enforcement or licensing board or designated special
<u>magistrate master</u>, the enforcement or licensing board or

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2349 designated special <u>magistrate</u> master shall dismiss the citation
2350 unless the violation is irreparable or irreversible.

4. Each day a willful, knowing violation continues shall
constitute a separate offense under the provisions of this
subsection.

2354 (f) If the enforcement or licensing board or designated 2355 special magistrate master finds that a violation exists, the 2356 enforcement or licensing board or designated special magistrate 2357 master may order the violator to pay a civil penalty of not less 2358 than the amount set forth on the citation but not more than \$500 2359 per day for each violation. In determining the amount of the 2360 penalty, the enforcement or licensing board or designated 2361 special magistrate master shall consider the following factors:

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1. The gravity of the violation.

2363 2. Any actions taken by the violator to correct the2364 violation.

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3. Any previous violations committed by the violator.

(q) Upon written notification by the code enforcement 2366 officer that a violator had not contested the citation or paid 2367 2368 the civil penalty within the timeframe allowed on the citation, 2369 or if a violation has not been corrected within the timeframe 2370 set forth on the notice of violation, the enforcement or 2371 licensing board or the designated special magistrate master 2372 shall enter an order ordering the violator to pay the civil 2373 penalty set forth on the citation or notice of violation, and a 2374 hearing shall not be necessary for the issuance of such order.

(h) A certified copy of an order imposing a civil penalty against an uncertified contractor may be recorded in the public records and thereafter shall constitute a lien against any real

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2378 or personal property owned by the violator. Upon petition to 2379 the circuit court, such order may be enforced in the same manner 2380 as a court judgment by the sheriffs of this state, including a 2381 levy against personal property; however, such order shall not be 2382 deemed to be a court judgment except for enforcement purposes. 2383 A civil penalty imposed pursuant to this part shall continue to 2384 accrue until the violator comes into compliance or until 2385 judgment is rendered in a suit to foreclose on a lien filed 2386 pursuant to this section, whichever occurs first. After 3 2387 months following from the filing of any such lien which remains 2388 unpaid, the enforcement or licensing board or designated special 2389 magistrate master may authorize the local governing body's 2390 attorney to foreclose on the lien. No lien created pursuant to 2391 the provisions of this part may be foreclosed on real property 2392 which is a homestead under s. 4, Art. X of the State Constitution. 2393

2394 (j) An aggrieved party, including the local governing 2395 body, may appeal a final administrative order of an enforcement 2396 or licensing board or special designated special magistrate 2397 master to the circuit court. Such an appeal shall not be a 2398 hearing de novo but shall be limited to appellate review of the 2399 record created before the enforcement or licensing board or 2400 designated special master. An appeal shall be filed within 30 2401 days of the execution of the order to be appealed.

2402 Section 88. Subsection (1) of section 496.420, Florida 2403 Statutes, is amended to read:

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496.420 Civil remedies and enforcement.--

2405 (1) In addition to other remedies authorized by law, the 2406 department may bring a civil action in circuit court to enforce

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2407 ss. 496.401-496.424 or s. 496.426. Upon a finding that any 2408 person has violated any of these sections, a court may make any 2409 necessary order or enter a judgment including, but not limited 2410 to, a temporary or permanent injunction, a declaratory judgment, 2411 the appointment of a general or special magistrate master or 2412 receiver, the sequestration of assets, the reimbursement of 2413 persons from whom contributions have been unlawfully solicited, 2414 the distribution of contributions in accordance with the 2415 charitable or sponsor purpose expressed in the registration 2416 statement or in accordance with the representations made to the 2417 person solicited, the reimbursement of the department for 2418 investigative costs, attorney's fees and costs, and any other 2419 equitable relief the court finds appropriate. Upon a finding 2420 that any person has violated any provision of ss. 496.401-2421 496.424 or s. 496.426 with actual knowledge or knowledge fairly 2422 implied on the basis of objective circumstances, a court may enter an order imposing a civil penalty in an amount not to 2423 2424 exceed \$10,000 per violation.

2425 Section 89. Subsection (3) of section 501.207, Florida 2426 Statutes, is amended to read:

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501.207 Remedies of enforcing authority.--

2428 (3) Upon motion of the enforcing authority or any 2429 interested party in any action brought under subsection (1), the 2430 court may make appropriate orders, including, but not limited to, appointment of a general or special magistrate master or 2431 2432 receiver or sequestration or freezing of assets, to reimburse 2433 consumers or governmental entities found to have been damaged; to carry out a transaction in accordance with the reasonable 2434 2435 expectations of consumers or governmental entities; to strike or

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2436 limit the application of clauses of contracts to avoid an 2437 unconscionable result; to order any defendant to divest herself 2438 or himself of any interest in any enterprise, including real 2439 estate; to impose reasonable restrictions upon the future 2440 activities of any defendant to impede her or him from engaging 2441 in or establishing the same type of endeavor; to order the 2442 dissolution or reorganization of any enterprise; or to grant 2443 legal, equitable, or other appropriate relief. The court may 2444 assess the expenses of a general or special magistrate master or 2445 receiver against a person who has violated, is violating, or is 2446 otherwise likely to violate this part. Any injunctive order, 2447 whether temporary or permanent, issued by the court shall be 2448 effective throughout the state unless otherwise provided in the 2449 order.

2450 Section 90. Section 501.618, Florida Statutes, is amended 2451 to read:

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501.618 General civil remedies. -- The department may bring:

(1) An action to obtain a declaratory judgment that an actor practice violates the provisions of this part.

2455 (2) An action to enjoin a person who has violated, is
2456 violating, or is otherwise likely to violate the provisions of
2457 this part.

(3) An action on behalf of one or more purchasers for the actual damages caused by an act or practice performed in violation of the provisions of this part. Such an action may include, but is not limited to, an action to recover against a bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit as otherwise provided in this part.

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2465 Upon motion of the enforcing authority in any action brought 2466 under this section, the court may make appropriate orders, 2467 including appointment of a general or special magistrate master 2468 or receiver or sequestration of assets, to reimburse consumers 2469 found to have been damaged, to carry out a consumer transaction 2470 in accordance with the consumer's reasonable expectations, or to 2471 grant other appropriate relief. The court may assess the 2472 expenses of a general or special magistrate master or receiver 2473 against a commercial telephone seller. Any injunctive order, 2474 whether temporary or permanent, issued by the court shall be 2475 effective throughout the state unless otherwise provided in the 2476 order.

2477 Section 91. Subsection (6) of section 559.936, Florida 2478 Statutes, is amended to read:

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559.936 Civil penalties; remedies.--

Upon motion of the department in any action brought
under this part, the court may make appropriate orders,
including appointment of a <u>general or special magistrate</u> master
or receiver or sequestration of assets, to reimburse consumers
found to have been damaged, to carry out a consumer transaction
in accordance with the consumer's reasonable expectations, or to
grant other appropriate relief.

2487 Section 92. Subsection (1) of section 582.23, Florida 2488 Statutes, is amended to read:

2489582.23Performance of work under the regulations by the2490supervisors.--

(1) The supervisors may go upon any lands within the
district to determine whether land use regulations adopted are
being observed. Where the supervisors of any district shall

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2494 find that any of the provisions of land use regulations adopted 2495 are not being observed on particular lands, and that such 2496 nonobservance tends to increase erosion on such lands and is 2497 interfering with the prevention or control of erosion on other 2498 lands within the district, the supervisors may present to the 2499 circuit court for the county or counties within which the lands 2500 of the defendant may lie, a petition, duly verified, setting 2501 forth the adoption of the land use regulations, the failure of 2502 the defendant landowner or occupier to observe such regulations, 2503 and to perform particular work, operations, or avoidances as 2504 required thereby, and that such nonobservance tends to increase erosion on such lands and is interfering with the prevention or 2505 2506 control of erosion on other lands within the district, and 2507 praying the court to require the defendant to perform the work, 2508 operations, or avoidances within a reasonable time and to order 2509 that if the defendant shall fail so to perform the supervisors may go on the land, perform the work or other operations or 2510 2511 otherwise bring the condition of such lands into conformity with the requirements of such regulations, and recover the costs and 2512 2513 expenses thereof, with interest, from the owner of such land. 2514 Upon the presentation of such petition the court shall cause 2515 process to be issued against the defendant, and shall hear the 2516 case. If it shall appear to the court that testimony is 2517 necessary for the proper disposition of the matter, it may take 2518 evidence or appoint a special magistrate master to take such 2519 evidence as it may direct and report the same to the court 2520 within her or his findings of fact and conclusions of law, which shall constitute a part of the proceedings upon which the 2521 2522 determination of the court shall be made.

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2523 Section 93. Subsection (2) of section 631.182, Florida 2524 Statutes, is amended to read:

2525 631.182 Receiver claims report and claimants objections 2526 procedure.--

2527 (2) At the hearing, any interested person is entitled to 2528 appear. The hearing shall not be de novo but shall be limited to 2529 the record as described in s. 631.181(2). The court shall enter 2530 an order allowing, allowing in part, or disallowing the claim. 2531 Any such order is deemed to be an appealable order. In the 2532 interests of judicial economy, the court may appoint a special 2533 magistrate master to resolve objections or to perform any 2534 particular service required by the court. This subsection shall 2535 apply to receivership proceedings commencing prior to, or 2536 subsequent to, July 1, 1997.

2537 Section 94. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 631.331, 2538 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2539 631.331 Assessment prima facie correct; notice; payment; 2540 proceeding to collect.--

If any such member or subscriber fails to pay the 2541 (3) 2542 assessment within the period specified in the notice, which 2543 period shall not be less than 20 days after mailing, the 2544 department may obtain an order in the delinquency proceeding 2545 requiring the member or subscriber to show cause at a time and 2546 place fixed by the court why judgment should not be entered 2547 against such member or subscriber for the amount of the assessment, together with all costs., and A copy of the order 2548 2549 and a copy of the petition therefor shall be served upon the member or subscriber within the time and in the manner 2550 2551 designated in the order.

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(4) If the subscriber or member after due service of a
copy of the order and petition referred to in subsection (3) is
made upon her or him:

(a) Fails to appear at the time and place specified in the
order, judgment shall be entered against her or him as prayed
for in the petition; or

2558 Appears in the manner and form required by law in (b) 2559 response to the order, the court shall hear and determine the 2560 matter and enter a judgment in accordance with its decision. In 2561 the interests of judicial economy, the court may appoint a 2562 special magistrate master to resolve objections or to perform 2563 any particular service required by the court. This paragraph 2564 shall apply to receivership proceedings commencing prior to, or 2565 subsequent to, July 1, 1997.

2566 Section 95. Subsection (2) of section 633.052, Florida 2567 Statutes, is amended to read:

2568 633.052 Ordinances relating to firesafety; definitions; 2569 penalties.--

2570 A county or municipality that which has created a code (2) 2571 enforcement board or special magistrate master system pursuant 2572 to chapter 162 may enforce firesafety code violations as 2573 provided in chapter 162. The governing body of a county or municipality which has not created a code enforcement board or 2574 2575 special magistrate master system for firesafety under chapter 2576 162 is authorized to enact ordinances relating to firesafety 2577 codes, which ordinances shall provide:

(a) That a violation of such an ordinance is a civilinfraction.

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(b) A maximum civil penalty not to exceed \$500.

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(c) A civil penalty of less than the maximum civil penalty if the person who has committed the civil infraction does not contest the citation.

(d) For the issuance of a citation by an officer who has
probable cause to believe that a person has committed a
violation of an ordinance relating to firesafety.

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(e) For the contesting of a citation in the county court.(f) Such procedures and provisions necessary to implement

2589 any ordinances enacted under the authority of this section.

2590Section 96.Subsection (2) of section 744.369, Florida2591Statutes, is amended to read:

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744.369 Judicial review of guardianship reports.--

(2) The court may appoint general or special <u>magistrate</u>
 masters to assist the court in its review function. The court
 may require the general or special <u>magistrate</u> master to conduct
 random field audits.

2597 Section 97. Subsection (11) of section 760.11, Florida 2598 Statutes, is amended to read:

760.11 Administrative and civil remedies; construction.--2599 2600 (11) If a complaint is within the jurisdiction of the 2601 commission, the commission shall simultaneously with its other 2602 statutory obligations attempt to eliminate or correct the 2603 alleged discrimination by informal methods of conference, 2604 conciliation, and persuasion. Nothing said or done in the 2605 course of such informal endeavors may be made public or used as 2606 evidence in a subsequent civil proceeding, trial, or hearing. 2607 The commission may initiate dispute resolution procedures, including voluntary arbitration, by special magistrates masters 2608 2609 or mediators. The commission may adopt rules as to the

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2610 qualifications of persons who may serve as special <u>magistrates</u> 2611 masters and mediators.

2612 Section 98. Subsection (1) of section 837.011, Florida 2613 Statutes, is amended to read:

2614 837.011 Definitions.--In this chapter, unless a different 2615 meaning plainly is required:

2616 (1)"Official proceeding" means a proceeding heard, or 2617 which may be or is required to be heard, before any legislative, 2618 judicial, administrative, or other governmental agency or 2619 official authorized to take evidence under oath, including any 2620 referee, general or special magistrate master in chancery, 2621 administrative law judge, hearing officer, hearing examiner, 2622 commissioner, notary, or other person taking testimony or a 2623 deposition in connection with any such proceeding.

2624Section 99.Subsection (4) of section 838.014, Florida2625Statutes, is amended to read:

2626 838.014 Definitions.--For the purposes of this chapter,
2627 unless a different meaning plainly is required:

2628 (4) "Public servant" means any public officer, agent, or 2629 employee of government, whether elected or appointed, including, 2630 but not limited to, any executive, legislative, or judicial 2631 officer; any person who holds an office or position in a 2632 political party or political party committee, whether elected or 2633 appointed; and any person participating as a general or special 2634 magistrate master, receiver, auditor, juror, arbitrator, umpire, 2635 referee, consultant, administrative law judge, hearing officer, 2636 or hearing examiner, or person acting on behalf of any of these, 2637 in performing a governmental function; but the term does not 2638 include witnesses. Such term shall include a candidate for

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2639 election or appointment to any such office, including any
2640 individual who seeks or intends to occupy any such office. It
2641 shall include any person appointed to any of the foregoing
2642 offices or employments before and after he or she qualifies.

2643 Section 100. Section 839.17, Florida Statutes, is amended 2644 to read:

2645 839.17 Misappropriation of moneys by commissioners to make 2646 sales.--Any commissioner or general or special magistrate master 2647 in chancery, having received the purchase money or the 2648 securities resulting from any of the sales authorized by law, 2649 who shall fail to deliver such moneys and securities, or either 2650 of them, to the executor or administrator, or the person 2651 entitled to receive the same, upon the order of the court, 2652 unless she or he is rendered unable to do so by some cause not 2653 attributable to her or his own default or neglect, shall be 2654 fined in a sum equal to the amount received from the purchaser, and commits shall be quilty of a felony of the second degree, 2655 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 2656

2657Section 101. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section2658916.107, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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916.107 Rights of forensic clients.--

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(3) RIGHT TO EXPRESS AND INFORMED CONSENT.--

(a) A client committed to the department pursuant to this act shall be asked to give express and informed written consent for treatment. If a client in a forensic facility refuses such treatment as is deemed necessary by the client's multidisciplinary treatment team at the forensic facility for the appropriate care of the client and the safety of the client

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In an emergency situation in which there is immediate 2669 1. 2670 danger to the safety of the client or others, such treatment may 2671 be provided upon the written order of a physician for a period 2672 not to exceed 48 hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays. If, after the 48-hour period, the client has not given express 2673 2674 and informed consent to the treatment initially refused, the 2675 administrator or designee of the forensic facility shall, within 2676 48 hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, petition the 2677 committing court or the circuit court serving the county in 2678 which the facility is located, at the option of the facility 2679 administrator or designee, for an order authorizing the 2680 continued treatment of the client. In the interim, treatment 2681 may be continued without the consent of the client upon the 2682 continued written order of a physician who has determined that 2683 the emergency situation continues to present a danger to the safety of the client or others. 2684

2685 In a situation other than an emergency situation, the 2. 2686 administrator or designee of the forensic facility shall 2687 petition the court for an order authorizing the treatment to the 2688 client. The order shall allow such treatment for a period not 2689 to exceed 90 days from the date of the entry of the order. 2690 Unless the court is notified in writing that the client has 2691 provided express and informed consent in writing or that the 2692 client has been discharged by the committing court, the 2693 administrator or designee shall, prior to the expiration of the 2694 initial 90-day order, petition the court for an order 2695 authorizing the continuation of treatment for another 90-day

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2696 This procedure shall be repeated until the client period. 2697 provides consent or is discharged by the committing court. 2698 At the hearing on the issue of whether the court should 3. 2699 enter an order authorizing treatment for which a client has 2700 refused to give express and informed consent, the court shall 2701 determine by clear and convincing evidence that the client is 2702 mentally ill, retarded, or autistic as defined in this chapter, 2703 that the treatment not consented to is essential to the care of 2704 the client, and that the treatment not consented to is not 2705 experimental and does not present an unreasonable risk of 2706 serious, hazardous, or irreversible side effects. In arriving 2707 at the substitute judgment decision, the court must consider at 2708 least the following factors:

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a. The client's expressed preference regarding treatment;

- b. The probability of adverse side effects;
 - c. The prognosis without treatment; and
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d. The prognosis with treatment.

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2714 The hearing shall be as convenient to the client as may be 2715 consistent with orderly procedure and shall be conducted in 2716 physical settings not likely to be injurious to the client's 2717 condition. The court may appoint a general or special magistrate 2718 master to preside at the hearing. The client or the client's 2719 quardian, and the representative, shall be provided with a copy 2720 of the petition and the date, time, and location of the hearing. 2721 The client has the right to have an attorney represent him or 2722 her at the hearing, and, if the client is indigent, the court 2723 shall appoint the office of the public defender to represent the 2724 client at the hearing. The client may testify or not, as he or

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2725 she chooses, and has the right to cross-examine witnesses and 2726 may present his or her own witnesses.

2727 Section 102. Subsection (11) of section 938.30, Florida 2728 Statutes, is amended to read:

2729 938.30 Court-imposed financial obligations in criminal
2730 cases; supplementary proceedings.--

(11) The court may refer any proceeding under this section
to a special <u>magistrate</u> master who shall report findings and
make recommendations to the court. The court shall act on such
recommendations within a reasonable amount of time.

2735 Section 103. Subsection (3) of section 945.43, Florida 2736 Statutes, is amended to read:

2737 945.43 Admission of inmate to mental health treatment2738 facility.--

2739 (3) PROCEDURE FOR HEARING ON TRANSFER OF AN INMATE FOR 2740 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. -- If the inmate does not waive a hearing 2741 or if the inmate or the inmate's representative files a petition 2742 for a hearing after having waived it, the court shall serve 2743 notice on the warden of the facility where the inmate is 2744 confined, the director, and the allegedly mentally ill inmate. 2745 The notice shall specify the date, time, and place of the 2746 hearing; the basis for the allegation of mental illness; and the 2747 names of the examining experts. The hearing shall be held within 2748 5 days, and the court may appoint a general or special 2749 magistrate master to preside. The hearing may be as informal as 2750 is consistent with orderly procedure. One of the experts whose 2751 opinion supported the recommendation shall be present at the 2752 hearing for information purposes. If, at the hearing, the court 2753 finds that the inmate is mentally ill and in need of care and

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2754	treatment, it shall order that he or she be transferred to a
2755	mental health treatment facility and provided appropriate
2756	treatment. The court shall provide a copy of its order
2757	authorizing transfer and all supporting documentation relating
2758	to the inmate's condition to the warden of the treatment
2759	facility. If the court finds that the inmate is not mentally
2760	ill, it shall dismiss the petition for transfer.
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2764	Remove line(s) 2, and insert:
2765	An act relating to the judicial system; amending ss.
2766	26.012, 27.06, 34.01, 48.20, 142.09, 316.635, 373.603,
2767	381.0012, 450.121, 560.306, 633.14, 648.44, 817.482,
2768	828.122, 832.05, 876.42, 893.12, 901.01, 901.02, 901.07,
2769	901.08, 901.09, 901.11, 901.12, 901.25, 902.15, 902.17,
2770	902.20, 902.21, 903.03, 903.32, 903.34, 914.22, 923.01,
2771	933.01, 933.06, 933.07, 933.10, 933.101, 933.13, 933.14,
2772	939.02, 939.14, 941.13, 941.14, 941.15, 941.17, 941.18,
2773	947.141, 948.06, 985.05, F.S., relating to various court
2774	procedures; redesignating "magistrates" as "trial court
2775	judges"; amending ss. 56.071, 56.29, 61.1826, 64.061,
2776	65.061, 69.051, 70.51, 92.142, 112.41, 112.43, 112.47,
2777	162.03, 162.06, 162.09, 173.09, 173.10, 173.11, 173.12,
2778	194.013, 194.034, 194.035, 206.16, 207.016, 320.411,
2779	393.11, 394.467, 397.311, 397.681, 447.207, 447.403,
2780	447.405, 447.407, 447.409, 475.011, 489.127, 489.531,
2781	496.420, 501.207, 501.618, 559.936, 582.23, 631.182,
2782	631.331, 633.052, 744.369, 760.11, 837.011, 838.014,
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2783	839.17, 916.107, 938.30, 945.43, F.S., relating to
2784	various administrative and judicial proceedings;
2785	redesignating "masters" and "general or special masters"
2786	as "general or special magistrates"; amending s.