

By Senator Bennett

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to appearances before
3 legislative committees; providing that an
4 individual who appears before a committee of
5 the Florida Senate is considered to be under
6 oath; requiring the signing of an appearance
7 card; providing a presumption; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Appearance card required for testifying
13 before a Senate committee; implied oath.--

14 (1) A person who appears before a committee of the
15 Florida Senate is considered to be under oath to testify
16 truthfully and, if he or she willfully testifies falsely, is
17 subject to penalties for perjury as provided by law.

18 (2) Before testifying before a Senate committee, a
19 person must complete an appearance card that includes, but
20 need not be limited to, the individual's name and business
21 address; the agency that he or she represents, if any; and the
22 individual's signature. The card must contain a notice,
23 printed in legible type located above the signature line,
24 which states that, by signing the card, the individual
25 acknowledges being under oath and subject to penalties for
26 perjury if he or she does not testify truthfully.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that an individual who appears before a committee of the Florida Senate is considered to be under oath and is subject to penalties for perjury if he or she testifies falsely. Requires the individual to sign an appearance card. Provides a presumption that, by signing the card, the individual acknowledges being under oath.