

HB 0299

2004

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to appearances before legislative  
 3           committees; providing that an individual who appears  
 4           before a committee of the Senate, a committee of the House  
 5           of Representatives, or a joint committee of the  
 6           Legislature is considered to be under oath; requiring the  
 7           signing of an appearance card; providing a presumption;  
 8           providing an 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 before  
 13 a legislative committee; implied oath.--

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

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

29           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.