

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to appearances before legislative
7 committees; defining "legislative committee"; providing
8 that a person who testifies before a legislative committee
9 shall be considered under oath; providing for penalties
10 for falsely testifying; requiring the signing of an
11 appearance card; providing required contents of the
12 appearance card; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Appearance card required for testifying before
17 a legislative committee; implied oath.--

18 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "legislative
19 committee" means any committee, subcommittee, select committee,
20 conference committee, joint committee, or council of either or
21 both chambers of the Legislature.

22 (2) A person who testifies before a legislative committee
23 shall be considered to be under oath and, if he or she willfully

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24 | testifies falsely, is subject to penalties for perjury as
25 | provided by law.

26 | (3) Before testifying before a legislative committee, a
27 | person must complete an appearance card that includes, but need
28 | not be limited to, the person's name and address, the
29 | organization that he or she represents, if any, and the person's
30 | signature. The card must contain a notice, printed in legible
31 | type and located above the signature line, which states that by
32 | signing the card the person acknowledges being under oath and
33 | subject to penalties for perjury if he or she does not testify
34 | truthfully.

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