By Senator Posey

24-1340-06 See HB 7003

1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Joint Legislative Claims 3 Committee; creating s. 11.81, F.S.; 4 establishing the Joint Legislative Claims 5 Committee; providing for membership and 6 organization of the committee; providing for 7 governance of the committee by joint rules; 8 providing for the designation of a special 9 master; providing an effective date. 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 13 Section 1. Section 11.81, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 14 11.81 Joint Legislative Claims Committee .--15 (1) There is created a standing joint committee of the 16 17 Legislature designated the Joint Legislative Claims Committee, composed of 10 members as follows: five members of the Senate 18 to be appointed by the President of the Senate and five 19 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the 2.0 21 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The terms of members 22 shall be for 2 years and shall run from the organization of 23 one Legislature to the organization of the next Legislature. Vacancies occurring during the interim period shall be filled 2.4 in the same manner as the original appointment. The Speaker of 2.5 the House of Representatives shall appoint the chair in 26 27 odd-numbered years and the vice chair in even-numbered years, 2.8 and the President of the Senate shall appoint the chair in even-numbered years and the vice chair in odd-numbered years, 29 30 from among the committee membership. 31

(2) The committee shall be governed by joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives which shall remain in effect until repealed or amended by concurrent resolution. (3) The committee may, at any time, regardless of whether the Legislature is in session, and in connection with a currently filed claim bill, exercise all powers vested in a standing or select committee pursuant to s. 11.143. (4) The special master shall be designated jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the presiding officers. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.