

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Joint Legislative Claims Committee;  
 3           creating s. 11.81, F.S.; establishing the Joint  
 4           Legislative Claims Committee; providing for membership and  
 5           organization of the committee; providing for governance of  
 6           the committee by joint rules; providing for the  
 7           designation of a special master; providing an effective  
 8           date.

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

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 12           Section 1.   Section 11.81, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 13   read:

14           11.81 Joint Legislative Claims Committee.--

15           (1) There is created a standing joint committee of the  
 16           Legislature designated the Joint Legislative Claims Committee,  
 17           composed of 10 members as follows: five members of the Senate to  
 18           be appointed by the President of the Senate and five members of  
 19           the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of  
 20           the House of Representatives. The terms of members shall be for  
 21           2 years and shall run from the organization of one Legislature  
 22           to the organization of the next Legislature. Vacancies occurring  
 23           during the interim period shall be filled in the same manner as  
 24           the original appointment. The Speaker of the House of  
 25           Representatives shall appoint the chair in odd-numbered years  
 26           and the vice chair in even-numbered years, and the President of  
 27           the Senate shall appoint the chair in even-numbered years and

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28 | the vice chair in odd-numbered years, from among the committee  
29 | membership.

30 | (2) The committee shall be governed by joint rules of the  
31 | Senate and House of Representatives which shall remain in effect  
32 | until repealed or amended by concurrent resolution.

33 | (3) The committee may, at any time, regardless of whether  
34 | the Legislature is in session, and in connection with a  
35 | currently filed claim bill, exercise all powers vested in a  
36 | standing or select committee pursuant to s. 11.143.

37 | (4) The special master shall be designated jointly by the  
38 | Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of  
39 | the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the presiding  
40 | officers.

41 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.