

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to elected officials; requiring the
 3 Commission on Ethics and the Elections Commission to
 4 notify the Chief Financial Officer or the governing body
 5 of a county, municipality, or special district, as
 6 appropriate, of any fines owed to it by a person who has
 7 been elected to a state, county, municipal, or special
 8 district office; requiring the Chief Financial Officer or
 9 the governing body of a county, municipality, or special
 10 district, as appropriate, to withhold salary payments it
 11 would otherwise make to an elected officeholder when that
 12 official owes a fine to the Commission on Ethics or the
 13 Elections Commission; authorizing the Chief Financial
 14 Officer and governing bodies to retain a portion of the
 15 payment to cover their administrative costs; providing an
 16 effective date.

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

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 20 Section 1. Payment of unpaid fines by elected officials.-

21 (1) The Commission on Ethics and the Elections Commission
 22 shall notify the Chief Financial Officer or the governing body
 23 of a county, municipality, or special district, as appropriate,
 24 of any fines owed to the Commission on Ethics or the Elections
 25 Commission by a person who has been elected to a state, county,
 26 municipal, or special district office.

27 (2) The Chief Financial Officer or the governing body of a
 28 county, municipality, or special district, as appropriate, shall

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29 withhold any salary payments, less applicable state and federal
30 taxes, which it would otherwise pay to a person elected to a
31 state, county, municipal, or special district office when that
32 person owes a fine to the Commission on Ethics or to the
33 Elections Commission. The salary payments withheld shall be
34 remitted to the commission that is owed the fine until the fine
35 is satisfied.

36 (3) The Chief Financial Officer or the governing body of a
37 county, municipality, or special district may retain up to 2
38 percent of each payment made pursuant to this section to cover
39 its administrative costs.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.