

By Senator Rich

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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