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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Public Employees Relations
3 Commission; amending s. 447.205, F.S.; requiring the
4 commission to be comprised of a chair and two part-
5 time members; requiring the chair of the commission to
6 devote full time to commission duties and not engage
7 in any other business, vocation, or employment while
8 in such office; prohibiting the part-time members from
9 engaging in any business, vocation, or employment that
10 conflicts with their duties while in such office;
11 providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 447.205, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 447.205 Public Employees Relations Commission.—

18 (1) The Public Employees Relations Commission, hereinafter
19 referred to as the "commission," shall be composed of a chair
20 and two part-time ~~full-time~~ members to be appointed by the
21 Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, from persons
22 representative of the public and known for their objective and
23 independent judgment, who shall not be employed by, or hold any
24 commission with, any governmental unit in the state or any
25 employee organization, as defined in this part, while in such
26 office. In no event shall more than one appointee be a person
27 who, on account of previous vocation, employment, or
28 affiliation, is, or has been, classified as a representative of
29 employers; and in no event shall more than one such appointee be

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30 a person who, on account of previous vocation, employment, or
31 affiliation, is, or has been, classified as a representative of
32 employees or employee organizations. The chair of the commission
33 ~~commissioners~~ shall devote full time to commission duties and
34 shall not engage in any other business, vocation, or employment
35 while in such office. The part-time members shall not engage in
36 any business, vocation, or employment that conflicts with their
37 duties while in such office. Beginning January 1, 1980, the
38 chair shall be appointed for a term of 4 years, one commissioner
39 for a term of 1 year, and one commissioner for a term of 2
40 years. Thereafter, every term of office shall be for 4 years;
41 and each term of the office of chair shall commence on January 1
42 of the second year following each regularly scheduled general
43 election at which a Governor is elected to a full term of
44 office. In the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of a
45 term of office, an appointment shall be made for the unexpired
46 term of that office. The chair shall be responsible for the
47 administrative functions of the commission and shall have the
48 authority to employ such personnel as may be necessary to carry
49 out the provisions of this part. Once appointed to the office of
50 chair, the chair shall serve as chair for the duration of the
51 term of office of chair. Nothing contained herein prohibits a
52 chair or commissioner from serving multiple terms.

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