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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-time  
5           members; requiring the chair of the commission to devote  
6           full time to commission duties and not engage in any other  
7           business, vocation, or employment while in such office;  
8           prohibiting the part-time members from engaging in any  
9           business, vocation, or employment that conflicts with  
10          their duties while in such office; providing an effective  
11          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

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29 employers; and in no event shall more than one such appointee be  
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.