

By Senator Rich

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to elected officials; requiring that
3 the Commission on Ethics and the Florida Elections
4 Commission notify the Chief Financial Officer or the
5 governing body of a county, municipality, or special
6 district of any unpaid fines levied against a person
7 who has been elected to a state, county, municipal, or
8 special district office; requiring that the Chief
9 Financial Officer or the governing body of a county,
10 municipality, or special district withhold salary
11 payments that would otherwise be paid to an elected
12 official when that official owes a fine to the
13 Commission on Ethics or the Florida Elections
14 Commission; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer or
15 the governing body to retain a percentage of the
16 payment for administrative costs; providing an
17 effective 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 Florida Elections
23 Commission shall notify the Chief Financial Officer or the
24 governing body of a county, municipality, or special district of
25 any fine owed to the Commission on Ethics or the Florida
26 Elections Commission by a person who has been elected to a
27 state, county, municipal, or special district office.

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

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30 salary payment, less applicable state and federal taxes, which
31 would otherwise be paid to the person elected to the state,
32 county, municipal, or special district office when that person
33 owes a fine to the Commission on Ethics or the Florida Elections
34 Commission. The salary payment withheld shall be remitted to the
35 commission that is owed the fine until the fine 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 in order to cover the
39 administrative costs incurred under this section.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.