

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SPB 7178

INTRODUCER: For consideration by the Committee on Rules

SUBJECT: An act relating to reorganization of divisions within the Office of Legislative Services

DATE: January 19, 2012

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Carlton/Jenkins	Phelps	RC	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
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**I. Summary:**

The President of the Florida Senate and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives have authorized certain organizational changes within the Office of Legislative Services (“OLS”). To effect the organizational changes, SPB 7178 replaces statutory references to the Division of Legislative Information Services and the Division of Statutory Revision with references to the Office of Legislative Services.

This bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: s.11.045, F.S., s. 11.0455, F.S., s. 11.242, F.S., s. 112.3148, F.S., and s. 119.15, F.S.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Office of Legislative Services (“OLS”) is a joint legislative committee responsible for providing support services that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives deem to be necessary and that can be effectively and efficiently provided jointly to both houses.<sup>1</sup> OLS is created in s. 11.147, F.S., and is governed by Rule 3 of the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have approved a reorganization of OLS as part of a streamlining and cost-saving effort. As a result of the reorganization, the two divisions would be formally merged within OLS. The merger will conform to structure used in other states, streamline functions, and eliminate overlapping duties. Efficiencies will be achieved through staff cross-training, enabling support of other work units

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<sup>1</sup> s. 11.147(1), F.S.

within the newly merged division without any loss of functionality of services and support to the House and Senate. One managerial-level position will be eliminated. In order to effect the reorganization, the following provisions of current law require amendment:

- Section 11.045, F.S., requiring legislative lobbyists to file their registration papers, cancellation notices, and compensation reports with the Division of Legislative Information Services within the Office of Legislative Services;
- Section 11.0455(2), F.S., relating to the Division of Legislative Information Services' electronic filing system for legislative lobbyist compensation reports and other information;
- Section 11.242, F.S., relating to the powers, duties, and functions of the Office of Legislative Services and the Division of Statutory Revision in the operation and maintenance of the statutory revision program;
- Section 112.3148(5)(b), F.S., requiring certain gift disclosures to be made to the Division of Legislative Information Services in the Office of Legislative Services; and,
- Section 119.15(5), F.S., requiring the Division of Statutory Revision to certify to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives citations of each public meeting and/or public records exemption scheduled for repeal if not reenacted during the following year.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

SPB 7178 removes statutory references to the Division of Legislative Information Services and the Division of Statutory Revision in favor of references to the Office of Legislative Services to effect the reorganization. As a result of these changes:

- The provisions concerning lobbyist registration and compensation reports in s. 11.045, F.S., and OLS functions related thereto, would refer to the Office of Legislative Services or the "office" instead of the Division of Legislative Information Services or "division;"
- The provisions relating to the electronic filing requirements for legislative lobbyists and other information in s. 11.0455, F.S., would refer to the Office of Legislative Services or the "office" instead of the Division of Legislative Information Services or "division;"
- The provision concerning gift disclosures in s. 112.3148, F.S., certain gift reports would be filed with the Office of Legislative Services, rather than the Division of Legislative Information Services in the Office of Legislative Services; and,
- The provisions concerning legislative review of exemptions from public meetings and/or public records requirements would require the Office of Legislative Services, rather than the Division of Statutory Revision, to certify to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives the language and statutory citation of each exemption scheduled for repeal if not reenacted during the following year.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

While it is possible that the reorganization will have a cost-saving effect, the amount of the potential cost-savings is indeterminate.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

The bill will require conforming changes to the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature. It may also require conforming changes to the Rules of the Florida Senate and the Rules of the Florida House of Representatives.

**VIII. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.