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Senator Brandes moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 111

insert:

Section 1. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) and (7), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

112.3143 Voting conflicts.—

(5) (a) If a public officer of an agency is an attorney or is employed or holds a contractual relationship with a



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12 professional association, he or she may not vote or otherwise  
13 participate in any matter in which an officer, a director, a  
14 manager, or an employee of the public officer's law firm or  
15 professional association appears before the agency in a  
16 representative capacity or as an interested party. The public  
17 officer shall, before the vote is taken, publicly state to the  
18 assembly the reason for his or her abstention. The public  
19 officer may not discuss the matter with any other public officer  
20 or employee of the agency or any person who has or holds  
21 employment or a contractual relationship with the law firm or  
22 professional association.

23 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "participate" has  
24 the same meaning as defined in paragraph (4) (c).

26 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 Delete lines 2 - 3

29 and insert:

30 An act relating to public agencies; amending s.  
31 112.3143, F.S.; prohibiting certain public officers  
32 from voting on or otherwise participating in a matter  
33 related to a law firm or professional association in  
34 which the public officer has an interest; requiring  
35 the public officer to make a public statement  
36 regarding a vote abstention; defining the term  
37 "participate"; amending s. 48.151, F.S.; authorizing  
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