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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Perez offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 352 and 353, insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c), and a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection to read:

112.3143 Voting conflicts.-

(3)

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a public officer of a county or city commission, council, or board may employ or contract with a law firm if one or more of the firm's lawyers represents a client before the public officer's commission,

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14 council, or board and the public officer satisfies the following
15 conditions when a lawyer of the firm appears before the
16 commission, council, or board:

17 1. The public officer abstains from voting on any matter
18 in which the lawyer appears, publicly states the reason for his
19 or her abstention, and provides a written disclosure, as
20 required under paragraph (a).

21 2. The public officer recuses himself or herself from any
22 questions, discussions, or debate on any such matter.

23 3. The public officer does not discuss any such matter
24 with any officer or staff member of the commission, council, or
25 board.

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27 A public officer who employs or contracts with a law firm and
28 who fails to satisfy the requirements in this paragraph is
29 deemed to have violated this subsection.

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32 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

33 Remove line 5 and insert:
34 commissioners; amending s. 112.3143, F.S.; authorizing
35 specified public officers to employ or contract with
36 certain law firms if designated conditions are met;
37 amending s. 163.3164, F.S.; defining

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