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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 (c) is added to subsection (7) of section 112.313, Florida Statutes, to read:

112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers, employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

(7) CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.—

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a public officer of a county or city commission, council, or board may hold an employment or contractual relationship with a law firm when one or more of the firm's lawyers represents a client before the

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14 public officer's commission, council, or board if the public
15 officer satisfies the following requirements every time a lawyer
16 of the firm appears before the commission, council, or board:

17 1. The public officer abstains from voting on any matter
18 in which the lawyer is appearing, publicly states the reason for
19 the abstention, and provides a written disclosure as prescribed
20 in s. 112.3143(3) (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 another officer of the commission, council, or board, or
25 any staff member thereof.

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27 A public officer with an employment or contractual relationship
28 with a law firm who fails to satisfy the requirements in this
29 paragraph is deemed to have violated this subsection.

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34 Remove line 5 and insert:
35 commissioners; amending s. 112.313, F.S.; authorizing
36 specified public officers to have a contractual or
37 employment relationship with certain law firms if

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38 | designated conditions are met; amending s. 163.3164,
39 | F.S.; defining

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