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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Thurston moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (333236) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 4 and 5
5 insert:

6 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (7) of
7 section 112.313, Florida Statutes, to read:

8 112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers, employees
9 of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

10 (7) CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.—

11 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a public officer of a



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12 county or city commission, council, or board may hold an
13 employment or contractual relationship with a law firm when one
14 or more of the firm's lawyers represents a client before the
15 public officer's commission, council, or board if the public
16 officer satisfies the following requirements every time a lawyer
17 of the firm appears before the commission, council, or board:

18 1. The public officer abstains from voting on any matter in
19 which the lawyer is appearing, publicly states the reason for
20 the abstention, and provides a written disclosure as prescribed
21 in s. 112.3143(3)(a).

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

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

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28 A public officer with an employment or contractual relationship
29 with a law firm who fails to satisfy the requirements in this
30 paragraph is 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 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Between lines 123 and 124

35 insert:

36 112.313, F.S.; authorizing specified public officers
37 to have a contractual or employment relationship with
38 certain law firms if designated conditions are met;
39 amending s.