1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to financial disclosures; amending s.
3	99.061, F.S.; revising qualification requirements for
4	certain candidates; amending s. 112.3144, F.S.;
5	revising the date by which full and public disclosure
6	of financial interests must be filed electronically;
7	requiring the Commission on Ethics to accept only
8	disclosures in paper form through a specified date;
9	requiring the commission to post a specified notice on
10	its website for a certain timeframe; requiring the
11	commission to accept federal income tax returns,
12	financial statements, and other forms or attachments
13	showing sources of income for a specified purpose;
14	deleting the prohibition on including a federal income
15	tax return or a copy thereof for certain filings;
16	revising the date by which paper forms will no longer
17	be provided; revising the date by which certain
18	notices must be delivered electronically; revising the
19	date by which the commission must provide verification
20	of receiving a disclosure, upon the request of the
21	filer; revising the date by which a written
22	declaration satisfies the condition that the
23	disclosure be sworn; requiring specified local
24	officers to file a full and public disclosure of
25	financial interests; requiring members of the
26	Commission on Ethics and the Florida Elections
27	Commission to file a full and public disclosure of
28	financial interests; amending s. 112.31445, F.S.;
29	requiring the commission to publish a specified notice
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30 regarding electronic filing to filers; requiring the 31 commission to post a specified notice regarding paper 32 forms for a certain timeframe; providing an additional specification for the electronic filing of full and 33 34 public disclosures; amending s. 112.31446, F.S.; 35 revising minimum requirements for the electronic 36 filing system; amending s. 112.3145, F.S.; requiring certain local officers to file their statements of 37 financial interests with a specified supervisor of 38 39 elections until a specified date; requiring the 40 electronic filing of certain documents after a 41 specified date; requiring the commission to accept 42 only statements of financial interests, final statements of financial interests, and any amendments 43 44 thereto, or any other forms submitted in paper form 45 until a specified date; requiring the commission to 46 post a specified notice on its website for a certain 47 timeframe; removing the future prohibition on including a federal income tax return or a copy 48 49 thereof in a filing; revising the date by which paper 50 forms will no longer be provided; requiring certain 51 delinquency notices to be sent by certified mail until 52 a specified date; prohibiting certain delinquency 53 notices from being sent by certified mail after a 54 specified date; conforming a provision to changes made 55 by the act; amending s. 112.324, F.S.; authorizing the 56 commission to dismiss financial disclosure complaints 57 alleging de minimis violations; authorizing the 58 commission to dismiss specified proceedings at any

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59	stage of disposition if a certain condition is met;
60	authorizing the commission to adopt emergency rules
61	for a specified purpose, subject to specified
62	conditions; providing for expiration of the emergency
63	rulemaking authority; providing effective dates.
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65	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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67	Section 1. Effective January 1, 2023, subsection (5) and
68	paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 99.061, Florida
69	Statutes, are amended to read:
70	99.061 Method of qualifying for nomination or election to
71	federal, state, county, or district office
72	(5) At the time of qualifying for office, each candidate
73	for a constitutional office and each candidate for other
74	elective office subject to an annual filing requirement under s.
75	<u>112.3144</u> shall file a full and public disclosure of financial
76	interests pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution,
77	which must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s.
78	92.525(1)(a), and a candidate for any other office, including
79	local elective office, shall file a statement of financial
80	interests pursuant to s. 112.3145. <u>A candidate subject to an</u>
81	annual filing requirement under s. 112.3144 may submit a
82	verification or receipt of electronic filing pursuant to s.
83	112.3144(4). A candidate subject to an annual filing requirement
84	under s. 112.3145 may file a verification or receipt of
85	electronic filing pursuant to s. 112.3145(2)(c) unless the
86	candidate is required to file a full and public disclosure of
87	financial interests pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State

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Constitution or this subsection.

89 (7) (a) In order for a candidate to be qualified, the 90 following items must be received by the filing officer by the 91 end of the qualifying period:

92 1. A properly executed check drawn upon the candidate's 93 campaign account payable to the person or entity as prescribed 94 by the filing officer in an amount not less than the fee 95 required by s. 99.092, unless the candidate obtained the 96 required number of signatures on petitions pursuant to s. 97 99.095. The filing fee for a special district candidate is not 98 required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. If a 99 candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the 100 filing officer must shall immediately notify the candidate, and 101 the candidate has shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the 102 103 campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this 104 subparagraph disqualifies shall disqualify the candidate.

105 2. The candidate's oath required by s. 99.021, which must 106 contain the name of the candidate as it is to appear on the 107 ballot; the office sought, including the district or group 108 number if applicable; and the signature of the candidate, which 109 must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s. 110 92.525(1)(a).

3. If the office sought is partisan, the written statement of political party affiliation required by s. 99.021(1)(b); or if the candidate is running without party affiliation for a partisan office, the written statement required by s. 99.021(1)(c).

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117 treasurer and designation of campaign depository, as required by
118 s. 106.021.

5. The full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests required by subsection (5). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests with the Commission on Ethics or the supervisor of elections <u>before prior to</u> qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying <u>or a verification</u> <u>or receipt of electronic filing as provided in subsection (5)</u>.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), subsection (2), paragraph (c) of subsection (6), paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (7), and subsection (8) of section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

130 112.3144 Full and public disclosure of financial131 interests.-

132 (1) (a) An officer who is required by s. 8, Art. II of the 133 State Constitution to file a full and public disclosure of his 134 or her financial interests for any calendar or fiscal year, or 135 any other person required by law to file a disclosure under this 136 section, shall file that disclosure with the Florida Commission 137 on Ethics. Additionally, an officer who is required to file a 138 full and public disclosure of his or her financial interests under this part and to complete annual ethics training pursuant 139 140 to s. 112.3142 must certify on his or her full and public disclosure of financial interests that he or she has completed 141 142 the required training.

(2) Beginning January 1, <u>2023</u> 2022, all disclosures filed
with the commission must be filed electronically through an
electronic filing system that is created and maintained by the

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146	commission as provided in s. 112.31446. Through December 31,
147	2022, the commission may accept only disclosures filed in paper
148	form. The commission shall post a notice on its website
149	informing filers that paper forms must be used for filing
150	through December 31, 2022. The commission may not remove the
151	notice until January 1, 2023.
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153	(c) Each separate source and amount of income which exceeds
154	\$1,000 must be identified. For the purposes of reporting income,
155	the commission shall accept federal income tax returns,
156	financial statements, and other forms or attachments showing
157	sources of income Beginning January 1, 2022, a federal income
158	tax return may not be used for purposes of reporting income, and
159	the commission may not accept a federal income tax return or a
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(c) The commission must conspicuously post a notice, in

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175 substantially the following form, in the instructions for the 176 electronic filing system specifying that:

Any filer submitting information through the electronic
 filing system may not include a federal income tax return or a
 copy thereof; a social security number; a bank, mortgage, or
 brokerage account number; a debit, charge, or credit card
 number; a personal identification number; or a taxpayer
 identification number in any filing unless required by law.

183 2. Information submitted through the electronic filing184 system may be open to public inspection and copying.

3. Any filer has a right to request that the commission redact from his or her filing any social security number, bank account number, or debit, charge, or credit card number contained in the filing. Such request must be made in writing and delivered to the commission. The request must specify the information to be redacted and the specific section or sections of the disclosure in which it was included.

(8) Forms or fields of information for compliance with the full and public disclosure requirements of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution shall be prescribed by the commission. <u>The</u> <u>commission shall allow a filer to include attachments or other</u> <u>supporting documentation when filing a disclosure.</u> The commission shall give notice of disclosure deadlines and delinquencies and distribute forms in the following manner:

(a) Not later than May 1 of each year, the commission shall
prepare a current list of the names, e-mail addresses, and
physical addresses of and the offices held by every person
required to file full and public disclosure annually by s. 8,
Art. II of the State Constitution, or other state law. Each unit

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of government shall assist the commission in compiling the list by providing to the commission not later than February 1 of each year the name, e-mail address, physical address, and name of the office held by such person within the respective unit of government as of December 31 of the preceding year. (b) Not later than June 1 of each year, the commission shall distribute a copy of the form prescribed for compliance

210 shall distribute a copy of the form prescribed for compliance 211 with full and public disclosure and a notice of the filing 212 deadline to each person on the list. Beginning January 1, <u>2023</u> 213 2022, no paper forms will <u>not</u> be provided. The notice required 214 under this paragraph and instructions for electronic submission 215 <u>of the form and any accompanying attachments</u> must be delivered 216 by e-mail.

217 (c) Not later than August 1 of each year, the commission 218 shall determine which persons on the list have failed to file 219 full and public disclosure and shall send delinquency notices to 220 such persons. Each notice must state that a grace period is in 221 effect until September 1 of the current year. Beginning January 222 1, 2023 2022, the notice required under this paragraph must be 223 delivered by e-mail and must be redelivered on a weekly basis by 224 e-mail as long as a person remains delinquent.

225 (d) Disclosures must be received by the commission not 226 later than 5 p.m. of the due date. However, any disclosure that 227 is postmarked by the United States Postal Service by midnight of 228 the due date is deemed to have been filed in a timely manner, 229 and a certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the 230 United States Postal Service at the time of the mailing, or a 231 receipt from an established courier company which bears a date 232 on or before the due date, constitutes proof of mailing in a

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timely manner. Beginning January 1, <u>2023</u> 2022, upon request of the filer, the commission must provide verification to the filer that the commission has received the filed disclosure.

(e) Beginning January 1, <u>2023</u> 2022, a written declaration,
as provided for under s. 92.525(2), accompanied by an electronic
signature satisfies the requirement that the disclosure be
sworn.

240 (f) Any person who is required to file full and public disclosure of financial interests and whose name is on the 241 242 commission's list, and to whom notice has been sent, but who fails to timely file is assessed a fine of \$25 per day for each 243 244 day late up to a maximum of \$1,500; however this \$1,500 245 limitation on automatic fines does not limit the civil penalty 246 that may be imposed if the statement is filed more than 60 days 247 after the deadline and a complaint is filed, as provided in s. 248 112.324. The commission must provide by rule the grounds for 249 waiving the fine and the procedures by which each person whose 250 name is on the list and who is determined to have not filed in a 251 timely manner will be notified of assessed fines and may appeal. 252 The rule must provide for and make specific the following:

253 1. The amount of the fine due is based upon the earliest of 254 the following:

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- a. When a statement is actually received by the office.
- b. When the statement is postmarked.
- c. When the certificate of mailing is dated.

d. When the receipt from an established courier company isdated.

260 2. Upon receipt of the disclosure statement or upon accrual261 of the maximum penalty, whichever occurs first, the commission

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shall determine the amount of the fine which is due and shall notify the delinquent person. The notice must include an explanation of the appeal procedure under subparagraph 3. Such fine must be paid within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted, unless <u>an</u> appeal is made to the commission pursuant to subparagraph 3. The moneys shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

269 3. Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based 270 upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a 271 272 hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole 273 or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in 274 writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the 275 notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the 276 reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the 277 person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing 278 of his or her intention to bring the matter before the 279 commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, "unusual 280 circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail 281 account or failure to receive notice if the person has not 282 notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail 283 address.

(g) Any person subject to the annual filing of full and public disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, or other state law, whose name is not on the commission's list of persons required to file full and public disclosure is not subject to the fines or penalties provided in this part for failure to file full and public disclosure in any year in which the omission occurred, but nevertheless is required to file the

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291 disclosure statement.

292 (h) The notification requirements and fines of this 293 subsection do not apply to candidates or to the first filing 294 required of any person appointed to elective constitutional 295 office or other position required to file full and public 296 disclosure, unless the person's name is on the commission's 297 notification list and the person received notification from the 298 commission. The appointing official shall notify such newly 299 appointed person of the obligation to file full and public 300 disclosure by July 1. The notification requirements and fines of 301 this subsection do not apply to the final filing provided for in 302 subsection (10).

303 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 120, any fine 304 imposed under this subsection which is not waived by final order 305 of the commission and which remains unpaid more than 60 days 306 after the notice of payment due or more than 60 days after the 307 commission renders a final order on the appeal must be submitted 308 to the Department of Financial Services as a claim, debt, or 309 other obligation owed to the state, and the department shall 310 assign the collection of such fine to a collection agent as 311 provided in s. 17.20.

312 Section 3. Effective January 1, 2023, paragraphs (d) and 313 (e) are added to subsection (1) of section 112.3144, Florida 314 Statutes, to read:

315 112.3144 Full and public disclosure of financial 316 interests.-

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318 (d) The following local officers must comply with the 319 financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Art. II of the State

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Constitution and this section: 1. Mayors. 2. City commissioners. 3. Elected members of a city council; town council; village council; or other governing body of a city, town, or village. 4. City, county, town, or village managers. (e) Each member of the commission and the Florida Elections Commission must comply with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and this section. Section 4. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) are added to section 112.31445, Florida Statutes, to read: 112.31445 Electronic filing system; full and public disclosure of financial interests.-(4) The commission shall publish a notice on the electronic filing system instructing filers to redact a social security number; a bank, mortgage, or brokerage account number; a debit, charge, or credit card number; a personal identification number; or a taxpayer identification number in their filings. (5) The commission shall post a notice on the main webpage of the electronic filing system informing filers that the electronic filing system will not accept any electronic filings until January 1, 2023, and that paper forms must be used through December 31, 2022, in accordance with s. 112.3144(2). The commission may not remove the notice until January 1, 2023. (6) The electronic filing system must allow a filer to include attachments or other supporting documentation when submitting a disclosure through the system.

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Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 112.31446, Florida

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349	Statutes, is amended to read:
350	112.31446 Electronic filing system for financial
351	disclosure
352	(2) By January 1, 2022, the commission shall procure and
353	test an electronic filing system. Upon the electronic filing
354	system's implementation At a minimum, the electronic filing
355	system must meet the following minimum requirements:
356	(a) Provide access through the Internet for the completion
357	and submission of disclosures of financial interests, statements
358	of financial interests, or any other form that is required under
359	s. 112.3144 or s. 112.3145.
360	(b) Make filings available in a searchable format that is
361	accessible by an individual using standard Internet-browsing
362	software.
363	(c) Issue a verification or receipt that the commission has
364	received the submitted disclosure or statement.
365	(d) Provide security that prevents unauthorized access to
366	the electronic filing system's functions or data.
367	(e) Provide a method for an attorney or a certified public
368	accountant licensed in this state to complete the disclosure or
369	statement and certify that he or she prepared the disclosure or
370	statement in accordance with s. 112.3144 or s. 112.3145 and the
371	instructions for completing the disclosure or statement, and
372	that, upon his or her reasonable knowledge and belief, the
373	information on the disclosure or statement is true and correct.
374	(f) Allow a filer to include attachments or other
375	supporting documentation when submitting a disclosure or a
376	statement through the system.
377	Section 6. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (2),

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378 paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (4), and paragraphs (b) and 379 (c) of subsection (8) of section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, are 380 amended to read:

381 112.3145 Disclosure of financial interests and clients 382 represented before agencies.-

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384 (d) State officers and specified state employees shall file their statements of financial interests with the commission. 385 386 Through December 31, 2023, local officers shall file their 387 statements of financial interests with the supervisor of 388 elections of the county in which they permanently reside. 389 Through December 31, 2023, local officers who do not permanently 390 reside in any county in this the state shall file their 391 statements of financial interests with the supervisor of 392 elections of the county in which their agency maintains its 393 headquarters. Persons seeking to qualify as candidates for local 394 public office shall file their statements of financial interests 395 with the officer before whom they qualify.

396 (e) Beginning January 1, 2024 2023, a statement of 397 financial interests and a final statement of financial 398 interests, and any amendments thereto, or any other form 399 required by this section, except any statement of a candidate 400 who is not subject to an annual filing requirement, all statements filed with the commission must be filed 401 402 electronically through an electronic filing system that is 403 created and maintained by the commission as provided in s. 404 112.31446. Through December 31, 2023, the commission may only 405 accept from filers who file with the commission a statement of financial interests, a final statement of financial interests, 406

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407	and any amendments thereto, or any other form required by this
408	section submitted in paper form. The commission shall post a
409	notice on its website informing filers who file with the
410	commission that paper forms must be used for filing through
411	December 31, 2023. The commission may not remove the notice
412	until January 1, 2024.
413	(4)(a) Beginning January 1, 2023, a filer may not include
414	in a filing to the commission a federal income tax return or a
415	copy of thereof; a social security number; a bank, mortgage, or
416	brokerage account number; a debit, charge, or credit card
417	number; a personal identification number; <u>or</u> a taxpayer
418	identification number. If a filer includes such information in
419	his or her filing, the information may be made available as part
420	of the official records of the commission available for public
421	inspection and copying unless redaction is requested by the
422	filer. The commission is not liable for the release of social
423	security numbers, bank account numbers, or debit, charge, or
424	credit card numbers included in a filing to the commission if
425	the filer has not requested redaction of the information.
426	(c) The commission must conspicuously post a notice, in

427 substantially the following form, in the instructions for the 428 electronic filing system specifying that:

1. Any filer submitting information through the electronic filing system may not include a federal income tax return or a copy thereof; a social security number; a bank, mortgage, or brokerage account number; a debit, charge, or credit card number; a personal identification number; or a taxpayer identification number in any filing unless required by law. 2. Information submitted through the electronic filing

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Any filer has a right to request that the commission redact from his or her filing any social security number, bank account number, or debit, charge, or credit card number contained in the filing. Such request must be made in writing and delivered to the commission. The request must specify the information to be redacted and the specific section or sections of the disclosure in which it was included.

system may be open to public inspection and copying.

(8) Forms for compliance with the disclosure requirements of this section and a current list of persons subject to disclosure shall be created by the commission and provided to each supervisor of elections. The commission and each supervisor of elections shall give notice of disclosure deadlines and delinquencies and distribute forms in the following manner:

450 (b) Not later than June 1 of each year, the commission and 451 each supervisor of elections, as appropriate, shall distribute a 452 copy of the form prescribed for compliance with subsection (3) 453 and a notice of all applicable disclosure forms and filing 454 deadlines to each person required to file a statement of 455 financial interests. Beginning January 1, 2024 2023, no paper 456 forms will not be provided. The notice required under this 457 paragraph and instructions for electronic submission must be 458 delivered by e-mail.

(c) Not later than August 1 of each year, the commission and each supervisor of elections shall determine which persons required to file a statement of financial interests in their respective offices have failed to do so and shall send delinquency notices to these persons. <u>Through December 31, 2023,</u> delinquency notices must be sent by certified mail, return

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465 receipt requested. Each notice must state that a grace period is 466 in effect until September 1 of the current year; that no 467 investigative or disciplinary action based upon the delinquency 468 will be taken by the agency head or commission if the statement 469 is filed by September 1 of the current year; that, if the 470 statement is not filed by September 1 of the current year, a 471 fine of \$25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum 472 penalty of \$1,500; for notices distributed by a supervisor of 473 elections, that he or she is required by law to notify the 474 commission of the delinquency; and that, if upon the filing of a 475 sworn complaint the commission finds that the person has failed 476 to timely file the statement within 60 days after September 1 of 477 the current year, such person will also be subject to the 478 penalties provided in s. 112.317. Beginning January 1, 2024 479 2023, notice required under this paragraph: 480 1. May not be sent by certified mail. 481 2. Must be delivered by e-mail and must be redelivered on a 482 weekly basis by e-mail as long as the person remains delinquent. 483 Section 7. Effective January 1, 2023, paragraph (b) of 484 subsection (2) of section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, is amended 485 to read: 486 112.3145 Disclosure of financial interests and clients 487 represented before agencies.-(2)488 489 (b) Each state or local officer, except as otherwise 490 specified in s. 112.3144(1), and each specified state employee 491 shall file a statement of financial interests no later than July 492 1 of each year. Each state officer, local officer, and specified 493 state employee shall file a final statement of financial

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494 interests within 60 days after leaving his or her public 495 position for the period between January 1 of the year in which 496 the person leaves and the last day of office or employment, 497 unless within the 60-day period the person takes another public 498 position requiring financial disclosure under this section or s. 499 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or otherwise is required to 500 file full and public disclosure or a statement of financial 501 interests for the final disclosure period. Each state or local 502 officer who is appointed and each specified state employee who 503 is employed shall file a statement of financial interests within 504 30 days after from the date of appointment or, in the case of a 505 specified state employee, after from the date on which the 506 employment begins, except that any person whose appointment is 507 subject to confirmation by the Senate shall file before prior to confirmation hearings or within 30 days after from the date of 508 509 appointment, whichever comes first.

510 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (11) and subsection 511 (12) of section 112.324, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 512 112.324 Procedures on complaints of violations and 513 referrals; public records and meeting exemptions.-

514 (11) (a) Notwithstanding subsections (1) - (8), the commission 515 may dismiss any complaint or referral at any stage of disposition if it determines that the violation that is alleged 516 or has occurred is a de minimis violation attributable to 517 518 inadvertent or unintentional error. In determining whether a 519 violation was de minimis, the commission shall consider whether 520 the interests of the public were protected despite the violation. This subsection does not apply to complaints or 521 referrals pursuant to ss. 112.3144 and 112.3145. 522

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523	(12) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1)-(8),
524	the commission may, at its discretion, dismiss any complaint or
525	referral <u>or proceeding under s. 112.3215</u> at any stage of
526	disposition should it determine that the public interest would
527	not be served by proceeding further, in which case the
528	commission shall issue a public report stating with
529	particularity its reasons for the dismissal.
530	Section 9. (1) The Commission on Ethics is authorized, and
531	all conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant
532	to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for adopting the form for the
533	full and public disclosure of financial interests, and any
534	related filing instructions and procedures, to implement the
535	amendments made by this act.
536	(2) Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules adopted
537	pursuant to subsection (1) are effective for 6 months after
538	adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of permanent
539	rules addressing the subject of the emergency rules.
540	(3) This section expires January 1, 2023.
541	Section 10. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
542	act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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