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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Legislative Compensation
3 Advisory Council; creating s. 11.133, F.S.; creating
4 the Legislative Compensation Advisory Council;
5 requiring the Office of Legislative Services to
6 provide administrative support; providing the purpose
7 of the council; providing for the membership of the
8 council; requiring that members be appointed by a
9 specified date; prohibiting certain council members
10 from being a current member of the Legislature, a
11 current employee of the Legislature, or a registered
12 lobbyist; providing for staggered terms; providing for
13 the filling of vacancies; requiring the council to
14 elect a chair; providing that members are eligible for
15 reappointment; requiring the council to hold its first
16 meeting by a specified date and to hold periodic
17 meetings thereafter; authorizing members to attend
18 meetings through communications media technology;
19 providing the duties of the council; requiring the
20 council to submit a specified report to the
21 Legislature by a specified date and biennially
22 thereafter; providing an effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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26 Section 1. Section 11.133, Florida Statutes, is created to
27 read:

28 11.133 Legislative Compensation Advisory Council.—

29 (1) There is created the Legislative Compensation Advisory

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30 Council. The Office of Legislative Services shall provide
31 administrative support to the council. The purpose of the
32 council is to study and make recommendations to the Legislature
33 concerning the compensation of legislators.

34 (2) The council shall be composed of the following members,
35 who shall be appointed no later than July 1, 2024:

36 (a) One member who is a former member of the Legislature,
37 appointed by the President of the Senate.

38 (b) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
39 the Senate.

40 (c) One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the
41 Senate.

42 (d) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
43 Senate.

44 (e) One member who is a former member of the Legislature,
45 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

46 (f) One member appointed by the Speaker Pro Tempore of the
47 House of Representatives.

48 (g) One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the
49 House of Representatives.

50 (h) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
51 House of Representatives.

52 (i) One member appointed by the Governor.

53 (3) (a) A member appointed pursuant to paragraph (2) (b),
54 paragraph (2) (c), paragraph (2) (d), paragraph (2) (f), paragraph
55 (2) (g), paragraph (2) (h), or paragraph (2) (i) may not be a
56 current member of the Legislature, a current employee of the
57 Legislature, or a registered lobbyist.

58 (b) Each member shall be appointed to a term of 4 years.

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59 However, for the purpose of achieving staggered terms, the
60 members initially appointed under paragraphs (2)(a), (b), (e),
61 and (f) shall each serve a 2-year term. A vacancy must be filled
62 for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as
63 the initial appointment.

64 (c) The council shall elect a chair from among its members.

65 (d) Members of the council are eligible for reappointment.

66 (4) The council shall hold its first meeting no later than
67 September 1, 2024, and shall meet monthly thereafter, or upon
68 the call of the chair. After January 1, 2025, the council shall
69 meet quarterly. Members may attend meetings by means of
70 communications media technology as defined in s. 120.54(5)(b)2.

71 (5) The council shall do all of the following:

72 (a) Conduct a comprehensive study of the compensation,
73 salary, and retirement benefits of the members of the
74 Legislature.

75 (b) Make recommendations for the rates of compensation and
76 retirement benefits for the members of the Legislature.

77 (6) By January 1, 2025, and every other January 1
78 thereafter, the council shall submit a report to the President
79 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
80 The report must contain the information required by subsection
81 (5) and any other information the council deems appropriate.

82 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.