

By Senator Martin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to county budget officers; amending s.
3 129.025, F.S.; specifying that the county budget
4 officer reports directly to the board of county
5 commissioners; prohibiting such officer from being a
6 member of the executive branch of county government
7 unless otherwise authorized; specifying the powers of
8 certain county entities while acting as ex-officio
9 budget officers; providing that any actions by such
10 officers do not violate specified prohibitions;
11 providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 129.025, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 129.025 County budget officer.—

18 (1) (a) Each board of county commissioners may designate a
19 county budget officer to carry out the duties set forth in this
20 chapter. The county budget officer reports directly to the board
21 and may not be a member of any executive branch of county
22 government, except as authorized in paragraph (b).

23 (b) Unless the board designates a different officer, the
24 clerk of the circuit court or the county comptroller, if
25 applicable, shall be the ex-officio budget officer for the
26 purposes of this chapter. The clerk of the circuit court or the
27 county comptroller, while acting as the ex-officio budget
28 officer, reports to the board in a strictly legislative
29 capacity, and any action taken by the clerk of the circuit court

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30 or the county comptroller acting as an ex-officio budget officer
31 does not violate any prohibition on that individual also working
32 in an executive branch capacity.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.