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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2 Representative Andrade offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 130-249 and insert:

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6 with the commission to lobby a county, municipality, or special
7 district. The commission must note in a public database that
8 such person is registered to lobby a county, municipality, or
9 special district. Such registration is due upon the person's
10 initial retention as a lobbyist and is renewable on a calendar-
11 year basis thereafter. Such person shall, at the time of
12 registration, provide a statement signed by the principal or
13 principal's representative stating that the registrant is
14 authorized to represent the principal. The statement must also
15 identify and designate the principal's main business and
16 authorize the registrant pursuant to a classification system

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17 approved by the commission. A lobbyist must disclose any changes
18 in the information provided pursuant to this subsection within
19 15 days after the change occurs by filing a new registration
20 form. The lobbyist must disclose, under oath, on a lobbyist
21 registration form used by the commission, all of the following
22 information:

23 (a) The lobbyist's name and business address.

24 (b) The name and business address of each principal
25 represented.

26 (c) The existence of any direct or indirect business
27 association, partnership, or financial relationship the lobbyist
28 has with any officer or employee of the county, municipality, or
29 special district that he or she lobbies or intends to lobby.

30 (3) The commission shall make the registrations of
31 lobbyists who register to lobby a county, municipality, or
32 special district available to the public on its website.

33 (4) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to
34 the commission canceling the registration for a principal upon
35 termination of the lobbyist's representation of that principal.
36 The commission may remove the name of a lobbyist from the list
37 of registered lobbyists for counties, municipalities, and
38 special districts if the principal notifies the commission that
39 a person is no longer authorized to represent that principal
40 before such entity.

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41 (5) A county, municipality, or special district must be
42 diligent in determining whether persons required to register
43 with the commission pursuant to this section have complied. A
44 county, municipality, or special district may not knowingly
45 authorize a person who is not registered pursuant to this
46 section to lobby the county, municipality, or special district.

47 (6) Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that a
48 lobbyist or principal has failed to register with the commission
49 to lobby a county, municipality, or special district, or has
50 knowingly submitted false information in a report or
51 registration required under this section, the commission shall
52 investigate the lobbyist or principal pursuant to the procedures
53 established under s. 112.324. The commission shall provide the
54 chief executive officer of the county or municipality or the
55 governing body of the special district with a report of its
56 findings and recommendations arising out of any investigation
57 conducted under this subsection. The chief executive officer of
58 the county or municipality or the governing body of the special
59 district may enforce the commission's findings and
60 recommendations.

61 (7) This section preempts and supersedes any ordinance or
62 charter provision establishing a lobbyist registration program
63 adopted before July 1, 2024.

64 Section 3. Subsection (5) is added to section 125.73,
65 Florida Statutes, to read:

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66 125.73 County administrator; appointment, qualifications,
67 compensation.—

68 (5) The governing body of a county may not renew or extend
69 the employment contract of a county administrator during the 8
70 months immediately preceding a general election for county
71 mayor, if applicable, or for members of the governing body of
72 the county unless the governing body approves such renewal or
73 extension by a unanimous vote.

74 Section 4. Section 125.75, Florida Statutes, is created to
75 read:

76 125.75 Contract for the county attorney.—The governing
77 body of a county may not renew or extend the contract of the
78 county attorney during the 8 months immediately preceding a
79 general election for county mayor, if applicable, or for members
80 of the governing body of the county unless the governing body
81 approves such renewal or extension by a unanimous vote.

82 Section 5. Subsection (9) of section 166.021, Florida
83 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10), and a new subsection
84 (9) is added to that section, to read:

85 166.021 Powers.—

86 (9) (a) The governing body of a municipality may not renew
87 or extend the employment contract of a chief executive officer
88 of the municipality during the 8 months immediately preceding a
89 general election for the municipal mayor or for members of the

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90 governing body of the municipality unless the governing body
91 approves such renewal or extension by a unanimous vote.

92 (b) The governing body of a municipality may not renew or
93 extend the employment contract of the city attorney during the 8
94 months immediately preceding a general election for the
95 municipal mayor or for members of the governing body of the
96 municipality unless the governing body approves such renewal or
97 extension by a unanimous vote.

98 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 166.031, Florida
99 Statutes, is amended to read:

100 166.031 Charter amendments.—

101 (1) The governing body of a municipality may, by
102 ordinance, or the electors of a municipality may, by petition
103 signed by 10 percent of the registered electors as of the last
104 preceding municipal general election, submit to the electors of
105 said municipality a proposed amendment to its charter, which
106 amendment may be to any part or to all of said charter except
107 that part describing the boundaries of such municipality. The
108 governing body of the municipality must ~~shall~~ place the proposed
109 amendment contained in the ordinance or petition to a vote of
110 the electors at the next general election held in the county,
111 the next municipal election, ~~within the municipality~~ or at a
112 special election called for such purpose, whichever is earliest.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove lines 9-46 and insert:
unless he or she is registered as a lobbyist with the
Commission on Ethics; establishing registration
requirements; requiring the commission to make
lobbyist registrations available to the public on its
website; establishing procedures for canceling of a
lobbyist's registration; requiring a county,
municipality, or special district to monitor
compliance with lobbyist registration requirements;
requiring the commission to investigate a lobbyist or
principal upon receipt of a sworn complaint containing
certain allegations; requiring the commission to
provide the chief executive officer of the county or
municipality or the governing body of the special
district with a report on the findings and
recommendations arising out of the investigation;
authorizing the chief executive officer of the county
or municipality or the governing body of the special
district to enforce the findings and recommendations;
providing preemption and construction; amending s.
125.73, F.S.; prohibiting the governing body of a
county from renewing or extending the employment
contract of a county administrator during a specified
timeframe; providing an exception; creating s. 125.75,

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140 F.S.; prohibiting the governing body of a county from
141 renewing or extending the employment contract of the
142 county attorney during a specified timeframe;
143 providing an exception; amending s. 166.021, F.S.;
144 prohibiting the governing body of a municipality from
145 renewing or extending the employment contract of a
146 chief executive officer of the municipality or the
147 city attorney during a specified timeframe; providing
148 exceptions; amending s. 166.031, F.S.; requiring the
149 governing body of a municipality to place certain
150 proposed amendments to a vote of the electors at the
151 next general election, municipal election, or special
152 election, whichever is earliest;