

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Conerly offered the following:

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3 **Substitute Amendment for Amendment (305539) (with title**
4 **amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 **Section 1. Present paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of**
7 **subsection (1) of section 112.3261, Florida Statutes, are**
8 **redesignated as paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), respectively, a**
9 **new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, subsection (9) is**
10 **added to that section, and subsection (7) of that section is**
11 **amended, to read:**

12 112.3261 Lobbying before water management districts;
13 registration and reporting.-

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14 (1) As used in this section, the term:

15 (b) "Expenditure" has the same meaning as in s.
16 112.3215(1).

17 (7) Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that a
18 lobbyist or principal has failed to register with a district,
19 has made a prohibited expenditure, or has knowingly submitted
20 false information in a report or registration required under
21 this section, the commission shall investigate a lobbyist or
22 principal pursuant to the procedures established under s.
23 112.324. The commission shall provide the Governor with a report
24 of its findings and recommendations in any investigation
25 conducted pursuant to this subsection. The Governor is
26 authorized to enforce the commission's findings and
27 recommendations.

28 (9) Notwithstanding s. 112.3148, s. 112.3149, or any other
29 law, a lobbyist or principal may not make, directly or
30 indirectly, and a district governing board member, executive
31 director, or any district employee who qualifies as a local
32 officer as defined in s. 112.3145(1) may not knowingly accept,
33 directly or indirectly, any expenditure.

34 **Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 373.079, Florida**
35 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

36 373.079 Members of governing board; oath of office;
37 staff.—

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38 (7) The governing board shall meet at least once a month
39 and upon call of the chair. A quorum is necessary for the
40 governing board to conduct official business. A majority of the
41 members of the governing board, which includes both appointed
42 members and vacancies, constitutes a quorum. A board member's
43 appearance at a board meeting, whether such appearance is in
44 person or through the use of communications media technology,
45 must be counted for the determination of a quorum. Except where
46 otherwise provided by law, action may be taken by the governing
47 board only upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members
48 of the governing board. The governing board, a basin board, a
49 committee, or an advisory board may conduct meetings by means of
50 communications media technology in accordance with rules adopted
51 pursuant to s. 120.54(5)(b) ~~s. 120.54~~.

52 **Section 3. Subsection (3) is added to section 373.501,**
53 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

54 373.501 Appropriation of funds to water management
55 districts.—

56 (3) A water management district may not use state funds as
57 a local match for any state grant program unless such funds have
58 been specifically appropriated to the district for such purpose.

59 **Section 4. Section 373.591, Florida Statutes, is repealed.**

60 **Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.**

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T
Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
A bill to be entitled
An act relating to water management districts;
amending s. 112.3261, F.S.; defining the term
"expenditure"; requiring the Commission on Ethics to
investigate a lobbyist or principal who has made a
prohibited expenditure and to provide the Governor
with a report of its findings and recommendations
regarding such investigation; prohibiting certain
persons from making or accepting expenditures;
amending s. 373.079, F.S.; requiring a quorum for the
conduct of official business by the governing board of
a water management district; providing requirements
for a quorum; requiring an affirmative vote of a
majority of the members of the governing board before
any action may be taken by the board; amending s.
373.501, F.S.; prohibiting a water management district
from using state funds for a specified purpose;
repealing s. 373.591, F.S., relating to management
review teams; providing an effective date.

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