

LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 03/13/2014

The Committee on Appropriations (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 488 and 489

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insert:

Section 9. Section 286.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

286.012 Voting requirement at meetings of governmental bodies.—A No member of a any state, county, or municipal governmental board, commission, or agency who is present at a any meeting of any such body at which an official decision,



11 ruling, or other official act is to be taken or adopted may not 12 abstain from voting in regard to any such decision, ruling, or 13 act; and a vote shall be recorded or counted for each such 14 member present, unless except when, with respect to any such 15 member, there is, or appears to be, a possible conflict of 16 interest under the provisions of s. 112.311, s. 112.313, or s. 17 112.3143, or additional or more stringent standards of conduct, if any, adopted pursuant to s. 112.326. If there is, or appears 18 19 to be, a possible conflict under s. 112.311, s. 112.313, or s. 20 112.3143, the member shall comply with the disclosure 21 requirements of s. 112.3143. If the only conflict or possible 22 conflict is one arising from the additional or more stringent 23 standards adopted pursuant to s. 112.326, the member shall 24 comply with any disclosure requirements adopted pursuant to s. 25 112.326. If the official decision, ruling, or act occurs in the 26 context of a quasi-judicial proceeding, a member may abstain 27 from voting on such matter if the abstention is to assure a fair 28 proceeding free from potential bias or prejudice In such cases, 29 said member shall comply with the disclosure requirements of s. 30 112.3143. 31 ======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== 32 33 And the title is amended as follows: Delete line 69 34 35 and insert: 36 the commission; amending s. 286.012, F.S.; revising 37 disclosure requirements with respect to a voting abstention at a meeting of a governmental body; 38

authorizing a member to abstain from voting on a

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42	288.901, F.S.; specifying