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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Steube) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
112.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,
employees, and authorized persons.—

(3) AUTHORITY TO INCUR TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

(a) All travel must be authorized and approved by the head



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11 of the agency, or his or her designated representative, from
12 whose funds the traveler is paid. The head of the agency shall
13 not authorize or approve such a request unless:

14 1. It is accompanied by a signed statement by the
15 traveler's supervisor stating that such travel is on the
16 official business of the state and also stating the purpose of
17 such travel.

18 2. For county or municipal public officers requesting
19 authorization to travel within the state, outside of the state,
20 or internationally, such travel must be on the official business
21 of the county or municipality and must be approved by the
22 county's or municipality's governing body at a regularly
23 scheduled meeting before the officer's travel, unless ratified
24 for good cause at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Good
25 cause requires a written explanation for why the travel request
26 could not be approved in advance. A request for travel
27 authorization must include an itemized list detailing all
28 anticipated travel expenses, including, but not limited to, the
29 anticipated costs of all means of travel, lodging, and
30 subsistence. All travel approved in accordance with this
31 subparagraph must be posted on the county's or municipality's
32 website. If a municipality does not maintain a website, it must
33 request that the applicable county post the approved travel on
34 the county's website. The applicable county must comply with
35 such request. All such approved travel must be posted on the
36 applicable website as soon as practicable, but no later than 10
37 days after approval, and must remain on the website until the
38 end of the next calendar quarter. This paragraph does not apply
39 to a county constitutional officer, as defined in s. 1(d), Art.



40 VIII of the State Constitution, who is elected by the electors
41 of the county.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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45 And the title is amended as follows:

46 Delete everything before the enacting clause
47 and insert:

48 A bill to be entitled
49 An act relating to county and municipal public
50 officers; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; requiring that
51 requests for travel authorization by county or
52 municipal public officers be approved by the governing
53 body of the county or municipality at a regularly
54 scheduled meeting; specifying requirements for such
55 requests; requiring that approved travel be posted on
56 the county's or municipality's website for a specified
57 timeframe; providing an exception for county
58 constitutional officers; providing an effective date.