

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to county and municipal public officer
3 transparency; amending s. 106.07, F.S.; requiring
4 certain campaign finance reports to be posted on the
5 applicable qualifying officer's website; amending s.
6 112.061, F.S.; providing requirements for requests to
7 travel outside the state by county or municipal public
8 officers; requiring such approved travel to be posted
9 on a certain website; prohibiting advancement or
10 reimbursement for travel expenses of such public
11 officers for foreign travel; providing applicability;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 106.07,
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 106.07 Reports; certification and filing.—

19 (10) The applicable qualifying officer shall post on his
20 or her official website any report that an elected county or
21 municipal public officer who is a candidate for elective office
22 must file pursuant to this section within 10 days after the
23 report is filed. This subsection applies to any report such
24 candidate must file for his or her campaign or a political
25 committee that he or she controls. Any such report shall remain

26 on the qualifying officer's website until the end of the next
27 calendar quarter after the election for which the candidate has
28 qualified.

29 Section 2. Paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) of subsection (3)
30 of section 112.061, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
31 paragraphs (g), (h), and (i), respectively, paragraph (a) of
32 that subsection is amended, and a new paragraph (f) is added to
33 that subsection, to read:

34 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,
35 employees, and authorized persons.—

36 (3) AUTHORITY TO INCUR TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

37 (a) All travel must be authorized and approved by the head
38 of the agency, or his or her designated representative, from
39 whose funds the traveler is paid. The head of the agency shall
40 not authorize or approve such a request unless:

41 1. It is accompanied by a signed statement by the
42 traveler's supervisor stating that such travel is on the
43 official business of the state and also stating the purpose of
44 such travel.

45 2. For county or municipal public officers requesting
46 authorization to travel outside of the state, such travel is on
47 the official business of the county or municipality and is
48 approved by the applicable governing body at a regularly
49 scheduled meeting prior to the officer's travel, unless such
50 travel is subsequently ratified for good cause at the next

51 regularly scheduled meeting after the officer's travel. Good
52 cause requires a written explanation stating the reason why the
53 travel request could not be approved in advance. The request
54 must include an itemized list detailing all anticipated travel
55 expenses, including, but not limited to, the anticipated costs
56 of all means of travel, lodging, and subsistence. All travel
57 approved in accordance with this subparagraph shall be posted on
58 the county's or municipality's website. If a municipality does
59 not maintain a website, it shall request that the applicable
60 county post the approved travel on the county's website. The
61 applicable county shall comply with such request. All such
62 approved travel shall be posted on the applicable website as
63 soon as practicable, but no later than 10 days after approval,
64 and shall remain on such website until the end of the next
65 calendar quarter after the approved travel is completed. This
66 subparagraph does not apply to a county constitutional officer,
67 as defined in s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State Constitution, who
68 is elected by the electors of the county.

69 (f) Travel expenses of county or municipal public officers
70 for foreign travel may not be allowed under any circumstances.
71 This paragraph does not apply to a county constitutional
72 officer, as defined in s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State
73 Constitution, who is elected by the electors of the county.

74 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.