

Committee on Judiciary

CS/CS/HB 625 — Justice Administrative Commission

by Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Baker (CS/CS/SB 758 by Criminal Justice Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Senator Bradley)

The bill changes the membership of the Justice Administrative Commission to add a seat for a private criminal defense attorney who has contracted with the commission to serve as court appointed counsel within the past 5 years appointed by the president of The Florida Bar, a judge or senior judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and a state attorney appointed by the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association. The commission, with the additional members, will have seven members.

The Justice Administrative Commission is an administrative support organization that provides financial and administrative assistance to the offices of the state attorneys, public defenders, capital collateral attorneys, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, Statewide Guardian ad Litem, and private contractors that provide due process services to indigent persons. There are currently four voting members of the commission – two state attorneys and two public defenders.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 110-0