

## Committee on Ethics and Elections

### **HB 7003 — Implementation of the Constitutional Prohibition Against Lobbying by a Former Justice or Judge**

by Public Integrity and Elections Committee and Rep. Koster

The bill creates ss. 112.3123 and 112.3124, F.S., to implement the constitutional amendment prohibiting lobbying by former justices and judges for a six-year period following vacation of judicial office. The bill provides definitions for terms that have no clear constitutional definition. It provides that the prohibition applies to justices and judges who vacate office on or after December 31, 2022. It authorizes the Commission on Ethics to investigate and determine violations of the new prohibition. The bill provides a range of penalties for violations and directs the Commission to report a post-service lobbying violation and recommended punishment to the Governor for imposition of penalties. Finally, it authorizes the Chief Financial Officer and Attorney General independently to collect monetary penalties imposed.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect December 31, 2022.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 118-0*