

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 1538

SPONSOR: Senator Lee

SUBJECT: Florida Statutes

DATE: February 11, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Pollitz (Stat. Rev.)	Kassack	RC	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

The Division of Statutory Revision of the Office of Legislative Services is required, by statute, to conduct a systematic and continuing study of the Florida Statutes. The purpose of this study is to recommend to the Legislature changes that will remove inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition from the statutes; improve clarity and facilitate correct interpretation; correct grammatical and typographical errors; and delete obsolete, repealed, or superseded provisions. These recommendations are submitted to the Legislature in the form of technical, nonsubstantive reviser’s bills. Responses to directives from the Legislature to make specific changes in the statutes, such as renaming a department, are also submitted to the Legislature via reviser’s bills.

The Division of Statutory Revision was directed by the Legislature, in s. 1, ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, to remove gender-specific references applicable to human beings from the Florida Statutes through reviser’s bills to be submitted by January 1, 1997. This reviser’s bill would remove gender-specific references that have been added subsequently. A reviser’s bill cannot be amended except to delete a bill section.

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: ss. 627.6515 and 766.1015.

II. Present Situation:

The Legislature, in s. 1, ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, directed the Division to submit, by January 1, 1997, reviser’s bills to remove gender-specific references applicable to human beings from the Florida Statutes. These bills became law as chs. 95-147, 95-148, 97-96, 97-102, and 97-103, Laws of Florida. Chapters 99-7, 2000-159, 2001-66, 2002-4, and 2003-3, Laws of Florida, removed gender-specific references added since 1997. Additional gender-specific references have been added to the statutes since the enactment of ch. 2003-3.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill revises Florida Statutes text to conform to the directive in ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, to remove gender-specific references to human beings in the Florida Statutes added since the enactment of ch. 2003-3, Laws of Florida.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.