By Senator Posey

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to regulating legislative lobbying; amending s. 11.045, F.S.; providing that it is a conflict of interest for a person registered to lobby the Legislature to serve on a governing or advisory body of an entity that receives state funds if the person's position on the body is subject to gubernatorial or legislative appointment; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 11.045, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

11.045 Lobbyists; registration and reporting; exemptions; penalties.--

(7) Any person required to be registered or to provide information pursuant to this section or pursuant to rules established in conformity with this section who knowingly fails to disclose any material fact required by this section or by rules established in conformity with this section, ~~or~~ who knowingly provides false information on any report required by this section or by rules established in conformity with this section, <u>or who knowingly violates subsection (9)</u> commits a noncriminal infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed $5,000. Such penalty shall be in addition to any other penalty assessed by a house of the Legislature pursuant to subsection (6).

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(9) It is a conflict of interest for any person registered under this section to serve on the governing body of, or a body that is advisory to, any entity that directly or indirectly receives state funds if the person's position on that body depends upon gubernatorial or legislative appointment thereto.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in November 2008.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that it is a conflict of interest, subject to a fine as a noncriminal infraction, for a legislative lobbyist to serve on the governing body or an advisory body of an entity that receives state funds if the person's position on the body is one subject to gubernatorial or legislative appointment.

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