HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

BILL #: SB 2058 FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

SPONSOR(S): Senate Rules 118 Y's 0 N's

COMPANION None GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Pending

BILLS:

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 2058 passed the Senate on February 14, 2012, and passed the House on March 7, 2012. The bill removes statutory references to the Division of Information Services and the Division of Statutory Revision to conform amended statutes to the current legislative organization under the Joint Rules. The bill substitutes references to the Office of Legislative Services in place of the former references. Other technical and grammatical revisions are included.

Present statutes reference both the Division of Legislative Information Services and the Division of Statutory Revision, which have been constituent components of the Office of Legislative Services, a joint administrative unit of the Florida Legislature.

The bill changes no substantive provision of law and has no fiscal or economic impact.

Subject to the Governor's veto powers, the effective date of the bill is upon becoming law.

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I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

No substantive changes are made by the bill. Pursuant to legislation enacted at the beginning of the 2011 Regular Session. the statutory definition of the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) was revised. leaving that joint legislative office clearly under the governance of the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature. The Joint Rules presently provide for direct administrative oversight of OLS and other joint legislative offices by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The two presiding officers jointly appoint a coordinator, who serves at their pleasure, to direct each office.3

Present statutes reference both the Division of Legislative Information Services and the Division of Statutory Revision, which have been constituent components of OLS. The bill replaces the outdated references to these legislative divisions with references to OLS. The changes should avoid confusion or mistake that could arise from the statutory references to transitory legislative offices.

The bill also makes technical changes revising grammar and style. In reference to OLS, the bill changes the term "director" to "coordinator" consistent with the present Joint Rules.

None of the legal responsibilities of any legislative office is altered and all duties and functions are continued under the Joint Rules within OLS. The bill makes the following specific amendments:

- Inserts references to OLS in place of references to the Division of Legislative Information Services and makes other technical corrections in the lobbying registration and reporting provisions of s. 11.045, F.S.
- Inserts references to OLS in place of references to the Division of Legislative Information Services and makes other technical corrections in the electronic lobbyist reporting provisions of s. 11.0455, F.S.
- Inserts reference to OLS in place of reference to the Division of Statutory Revision respecting the contents of the published editions of the Florida Statutes in s. 11.242(4)(d), F.S.
- Inserts reference to OLS in place of reference to the Division of Legislative Information Services and makes other technical corrections to the gift reporting provisions in s. 112.3148(5)(b), F.S.
- Inserts reference to OLS in place of reference to the Division of Statutory Revision in the open government sunset review provisions in s. 119.15(5), F.S.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues: None

2. Expenditures:

None

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¹ SB 1204 (ch. 2011-34, L.O.F.) and SCR 1202 (providing Joint Rules for the 2010-12 Legislature).

² Section 11.147, Florida Statutes 2011.

³ Joint Rule 3.1 establishes four joint legislative offices including OLS. That rule provides: "Each office shall be directed by a coordinator selected by and serving at the pleasure of the [presiding officers]".

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

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