

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Detert moved the following:

## Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 2314 - 2331 and insert:

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- (a) Appeals referees.—
- 1. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall appoint one or more impartial salaried appeals referees in accordance with s. 443.171(3) to hear and decide appealed claims.
- 2. An appeals referee must be an attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar or be successfully admitted to the Florida Bar within 8 months after his or her date of employment. This subparagraph does not apply to an appeals referee appointed before January 1, 2014.



- 3. A person may not participate on behalf of the department as an appeals referee in any case in which she or he is an interested party.
- 4. The department may designate alternates to serve in the absence or disqualification of any appeals referee on a temporary basis. These alternates must have the same qualifications required of appeals referees.
- 5. The department shall provide the commission and the appeals referees with proper facilities and assistance for the execution of their functions.

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Delete lines 297 - 299

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