HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

BILL #:	HB 7073	FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:	
SPONSOR(S):	Rules & Calendar Committee, Artiles	115 Y's	0 N's
COMPANION BILLS:	SB 688	GOVERNOR'S ACTION:	Approved

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The substance of HB 7073 passed on March 22, 2013, as SB 688.

Section 3 of Ch. 2012-63, Laws of Florida, directed the Division of Statutory Revision of the Office of Legislative Services to prepare a reviser's bill for the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature to substitute the term "Florida Administrative Register" for the term "Florida Administrative Weekly" throughout the Florida Statutes.

HB 7073 is the product of that directive correcting the terminology.

Chapter 2012-63 replaced the Florida Administrative Weekly print publication with a continuous online electronic publication to be called the Florida Administrative Register. A large number of statutes referenced the Florida Administrative Weekly, usually in connection with mandatory notice provisions relating to a wide variety of administrative actions taken by state agencies. The bill conforms such references to the 2012 legislation.

The bill was approved by the Governor on April 10, 2013, ch. 2013-14, L.O.F., and will become effective on July 2, 2013.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

A reviser's bill proposes technical, non-substantive changes in the Florida Statutes as part of the ongoing revision and editing of the statutes as directed by the Legislature. On occasion, such as when agency names are changed, a substantive law making such change will direct legislative offices to prepare a reviser's bill for consideration in a subsequent session, updating all the statutory references affected by the name change. HB 7073 follows that pattern, changing statutory references from "Florida Administrative Weekly" to "Florida Administrative Register".

The Florida Administrative Register ("FAR") is the statewide publication used for providing notice of many administrative actions including rulemaking proceedings and hearings, emergency rules, certain petitions and decisions in the Division of Administrative Hearing, and other miscellaneous matters. The Department of State publishes the FAR every business day as needed. The change from a weekly printed publication to a continuous electronic publication has reduced the lead time for agencies providing notices for publication from 10 days to 1 business day, facilitating better planning and more accurate notices.

The passage of the reviser's bill will allow the next official publication of the Florida Statutes to contain correct references to the FAR.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

- 1. Revenues: See II. D. below.
- 2. Expenditures: See II. D. below.
- B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:
 - 1. Revenues: See II. D. below.
 - 2. Expenditures: See II. D. below.
- C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR: See II. D. below.
- D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

This reviser's bill is a technical, non-substantive bill correcting statutory references. The bill has no fiscal impact on state or local governments or on the private sector.