

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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BILL: SB 700

INTRODUCER: Senator Simmons

SUBJECT: Florida Statutes

DATE: January 13, 2015

REVISED: _____

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. <u>Pollitz (DLRI)</u>	<u>Phelps</u>	<u>RC</u>	<u>Pre-meeting</u>

I. Summary:

SB 700 is drafted by the Division of Law Revision and Information of the Office of Legislative Services to adopt the Florida Statutes 2015 and designate the portions thereof that are to constitute the official statutory law of the state. This adoption act amends ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, Florida Statutes, and provides a 1-year window for finding errors and making changes before statutory material becomes the best evidence of the law.

II. Present Situation:

The 2015 adoption act will adopt all statutes material passed through the August 7-11, 2014, Special Session and printed in the 2014 edition. Material passed in a session occurring since publication of the 2014 edition must wait 1 more year before being adopted, and the session law form of that material will remain the best evidence of the law for that material.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The adoption act amends ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, Florida Statutes, and provides a 1-year window for finding errors and making changes before statutory material becomes the best evidence of the law. The 2015 adoption act adopts as the official statute law of the state those portions of the 2015 Florida Statutes edition that are carried forward unchanged from the edition published 1 year previously (2014). Portions carried forward from the 2014 edition are the official law of the state and, therefore, constitute the best evidence of the law. The portions resulting from sessions occurring subsequent to the publication of the 2014 edition are prima facie evidence of the law in all courts of the state; for this material, the enrolled acts stand as the best evidence of the law. Any "statute of a general and permanent nature" enacted before publication of the 2014 Florida Statutes that does not appear in the 2015 edition, or is not recognized and continued in force by reference therein or in s. 11.2423 or s. 11.2424, Florida Statutes, stands repealed, both by the logic of the system and by operation of s. 11.2422, Florida Statutes. *See National Bank v. Williams*, 28 Fla. 305, 20 So. 931 (1896).

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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