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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

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Senator Thurston moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 23

insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (7) of section 112.313, Florida Statutes, to read:

112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers, employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

(7) CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.—

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a public officer of a county or city commission, council, or board may hold an



12 employment or contractual relationship with a law firm when one  
13 or more of the firm's lawyers represents a client before the  
14 public officer's commission, council, or board if the public  
15 officer satisfies the following requirements every time a lawyer  
16 of the firm appears before the commission, council, or board:

17 1. The public officer abstains from voting on any matter in  
18 which the lawyer is appearing, publicly states the reason for  
19 the abstention, and provides a written disclosure as prescribed  
20 in s. 112.3143(3) (a).

21 2. The public officer recuses himself or herself from any  
22 questions, discussions, or debate on any such matter.

23 3. The public officer does not discuss any such matter with  
24 another officer of the commission, council, or board, or any  
25 staff member thereof.

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27 A public officer with an employment or contractual relationship  
28 with a law firm who fails to satisfy the requirements in this  
29 paragraph is deemed to have violated this subsection.

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31 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

32 And the title is amended as follows:

33 Delete lines 2 - 3

34 and insert:

35 An act relating to ethics and elections; amending s.  
36 112.313, F.S.; authorizing specified public officers  
37 to have a contractual or employment relationship with  
38 certain law firms if designated conditions are met;  
39 amending s. 100.3605, F.S.; requiring the