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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Thurston moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (333236) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 4 and 5

5 insert:

6 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
7 112.3143, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c),
8 and a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection to read:

9 112.3143 Voting conflicts.—

10 (3)

11 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a public officer of a



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12 county or city commission, council, or board may employ or
13 contract with a law firm if one or more of the firm's lawyers
14 represents a client before the public officer's commission,
15 council, or board and the public officer satisfies the following
16 conditions when a lawyer of the firm appears before the
17 commission, council, or board:

18 1. The public officer abstains from voting on any matter in
19 which the lawyer appears, publicly states the reason for his or
20 her abstention, and provides a written disclosure, as required
21 under paragraph (a).

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

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

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28 A public officer who employs or contracts with a law firm and
29 who fails to satisfy the requirements in this paragraph is
30 deemed to have violated this subsection.

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

33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete line 123

35 and insert:

36 An act relating to local government; amending s.
37 112.3143, F.S.; authorizing specified public officers
38 to employ or contract with certain law firms if
39 designated conditions are met; amending s.