

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC 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: CS/SCR 2024

SPONSOR: Committee on Ethics and Elections and Senator Posey

SUBJECT: Lobbying; Joint Rules of the Legislature

DATE: April 26, 2005

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I. Summary:

Effective January 1, 2006, Committee Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution 2024 amends Joint Rule 1 of the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature, relating to legislative lobbying, to conform to the provisions of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2646 (the "Lobbying Disclosure Act") to the extent the Joint Rule is inconsistent or conflicts with the Lobbying Disclosure Act as passed by the Legislature.

This Concurrent Resolution substantially amends Joint Rule 1 of the Joint Rules of the Legislature.

II. Present Situation:

Joint Rule 1 of the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature, entitled, "Lobbyist Registration and Reporting, is adopted pursuant to the directives in Section 11.045, Florida Statutes. The Lobbying Disclosure Act substantially amends section 11.045, Florida Statutes, to require, among other things:

- Lobbyist reporting of *individual* lobbying expenditures;
- Compensation reporting;
- Electronic reporting of expenditures and compensation; and,
- Quarterly, as opposed to semiannual, reporting.

Joint Rule 1 must be amended as provided in Section 11.045, Florida Statutes, to incorporate the changes in the Lobbying Disclosure Act should it pass. If Joint Rule 1 is not amended, the Florida Statutes and Joint Rules of the Legislature will conflict.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The concurrent resolution provides that, effective January 1, 2006, Joint Rule 1 is superseded by and amended to conform to the Lobbying Disclosure Act to the extent that it conflicts with or is inconsistent with the Lobbying Disclosure Act, as passed by the Legislature.

It also directs and authorizes the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical and stylistic changes to conform the Joint Rules to the Lobbying Disclosure Act, and to publish the new Joint Rules in the Senate and House Journals no later than January 1, 2006.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
