

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB RCC 13-04 Florida Statutes

SPONSOR(S): Rules & Calendar Committee

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
Orig. Comm.: Rules & Calendar Committee		Rubottom	Birtman

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

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.

PCB-RCC13-04 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 PCB is intended to conform such references to the 2012 legislation.

Pursuant to House Rule 12.3(e), a reviser's bill cannot be amended except to delete one or more bill sections.

The effective date of the bill is the 60th day after adjournment sine die.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED 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. PCB-RCC13-04 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.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Sections 1-60 correct the term "Florida Administrative Weekly" by substituting "Register" in place of "Weekly".

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.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. The bill does not require counties or cities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditure of funds, reduce the authority of counties or cities to raise revenue in the aggregate, or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or cities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

The bill corrects many current statutory references to the "Florida Administrative Weekly" to conform to substantive changes enacted in 2012, changing the weekly publication to a continuous electronic publication to be entitled "Florida Administrative Register". The 2012 changes altered the frequency of publication of certain notices relating to rulemaking, reducing the lead time between filing such notices and their publication. This bill merely corrects the many references to that publication.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES