

1 House Concurrent Resolution

2 A concurrent resolution adopting Joint Rule One relating
3 to lobbyist registration and compensation reporting and
4 adopting Joint Rule Seven relating to the organization and
5 duties of the Legislative Budget Commission.

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7 WHEREAS, Ch. 2005-359, Laws of Florida, established lobbyist
8 compensation reporting, and further provided for electronic
9 filing of compensation reports and other information effective
10 April 1, 2007, and

11 WHEREAS, in the 2006 general election, the electors of
12 Florida amended Section 19, Article III of the Constitution of
13 Florida to create within the legislature the Joint Legislative
14 Budget Commission, and

15 WHEREAS, Section 19 as so amended provides that the Joint
16 Legislative Budget Commission shall be governed by the Joint
17 Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives, NOW,
18 THEREFORE,

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20 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
21 Florida, the Senate Concurring:

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23 That Joint Rule One and Joint Rule Seven are revised and
24 readopted to read as follows:

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26 JOINT RULE ONE
27 Lobbyist Registration and Compensation Reporting
28 1.1—Those Required to Register; Definitions; Exemptions;
29 Committee Appearance Records

30 (1) All lobbyists before the Florida Legislature must

31 register with the Lobbyist Registration Office in the Division of
 32 Legislative Information Services of the Office of Legislative
 33 Services. Registration is required for each principal
 34 represented.

35 (2) As used in Joint Rule One, unless the context otherwise
 36 requires:

37 (a) "Compensation" means payment, distribution, loan,
 38 advance, reimbursement, deposit, salary, fee, retainer, or
 39 anything of value provided or owed to a lobbying firm, directly
 40 or indirectly, by a principal for any lobbying activity.

41 (b) "Division" means the Division of Legislative
 42 Information Services within the Office of Legislative Services.

43 (c) "Legislative action" means introduction, sponsorship,
 44 testimony, debate, voting, or any other official action on any
 45 measure, resolution, amendment, nomination, appointment, or
 46 report of, or any matter that may be the subject of action by,
 47 either house of the Legislature or any committee thereof.

48 (d) "Lobby" or "lobbying" means influencing or attempting
 49 to influence legislative action or nonaction through oral or
 50 written communication or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a
 51 member or employee of the Legislature.

52 (e) "Lobbying firm" means any business entity, including an
 53 individual contract lobbyist, that receives or becomes entitled
 54 to receive any compensation for the purpose of lobbying, where
 55 any partner, owner, officer, or employee of the business entity
 56 is a lobbyist. "Lobbying firm" does not include an entity that
 57 has employees who are lobbyists if the entity does not derive
 58 compensation from principals for lobbying, or such compensation
 59 is received exclusively from a subsidiary or affiliate
 60 corporation of the employer. As used in this provision, an

61 | affiliate corporation is a corporation that directly or
 62 | indirectly shares the same ultimate parent corporation as the
 63 | employer, and does not receive compensation for lobbying from any
 64 | unaffiliated entity.

65 | (f) "Lobbyist" means a person who is employed and receives
 66 | payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the
 67 | purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for
 68 | governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to
 69 | lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. An
 70 | employee of the principal is not a "lobbyist" unless the employee
 71 | is principally employed for governmental affairs. "Principally
 72 | employed for governmental affairs" means that one of the
 73 | principal or most significant responsibilities of the employee to
 74 | the employer is overseeing the employer's various relationships
 75 | with government or representing the employer in its contacts with
 76 | government. Any person employed by the Governor, the Executive
 77 | Office of the Governor, or any executive or judicial department
 78 | of the state or any community college of the state who seeks to
 79 | encourage the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation
 80 | by personal appearance or attendance before the House of
 81 | Representatives or the Senate, or any member or committee
 82 | thereof, is a lobbyist.

83 | (g) "Payment" or "salary" means wages or any other
 84 | consideration provided in exchange for services, but does not
 85 | include reimbursement for expenses.

86 | (h) "Principal" means the person, firm, corporation, or
 87 | other entity that has employed or retained a lobbyist. When an
 88 | association has employed or retained a lobbyist, the association
 89 | is the principal; the individual members of the association are
 90 | not principals merely because of their membership in the

91 association.

92 (i) "Unusual circumstances," with respect to any failure to
 93 satisfy a filing requirement, means uncommon, rare, or sudden
 94 events over which the person has no control and which directly
 95 result in the failure to satisfy the filing requirement.

96 (3) For purposes of this rule, the terms "lobby" and
 97 "lobbying" do not include any of the following:

98 (a) Response to an inquiry for information made by any
 99 member, committee, or staff of the Legislature.

100 (b) An appearance in response to a legislative subpoena.

101 (c) Advice or services that arise out of a contractual
 102 obligation with the Legislature, a member, a committee, any
 103 staff, or any legislative entity to render the advice or services
 104 where such obligation is fulfilled through the use of public
 105 funds.

106 (d) Representation of a client before the House of
 107 Representatives or the Senate, or any member or committee
 108 thereof, when the client is subject to disciplinary action by the
 109 House of Representatives or the Senate, or any member or
 110 committee thereof.

111 (4) For purposes of registration and reporting, the term
 112 "lobbyist" does not include any of the following:

113 (a) A member of the Legislature.

114 (b) A person who is employed by the Legislature.

115 (c) A judge who is acting in that judge's official
 116 capacity.

117 (d) A person who is a state officer holding elective office
 118 or an officer of a political subdivision of the state holding
 119 elective office and who is acting in that officer's official
 120 capacity.

121 (e) A person who appears as a witness or for the purpose of
 122 providing information at the written request of the chair of a
 123 committee, subcommittee, or legislative delegation.

124 (f) A person employed by any executive or judicial
 125 department of the state or any community college of the state who
 126 makes a personal appearance or attendance before the House of
 127 Representatives or the Senate, or any member or committee
 128 thereof, while that person is on approved leave or outside normal
 129 working hours, and who does not otherwise meet the definition of
 130 lobbyist.

131 (5) When a person, whether or not the person is registered
 132 as a lobbyist, appears before a committee of the Legislature,
 133 that person must submit a Committee Appearance Record as required
 134 by the respective house.

135 1.2-Method of Registration

136 (1) Each person who is required to register must register
 137 on forms furnished by the Lobbyist Registration Office, on which
 138 that person must state, under oath, that person's full legal
 139 name, business address and telephone number, the name and
 140 business address of each principal that person represents, and
 141 the extent of any direct business association or partnership that
 142 person has with any member of the Legislature. In addition, if
 143 the lobbyist is a partner, owner, officer, or employee of a
 144 lobbying firm, the lobbyist must state the name, address, and
 145 telephone number of each lobbying firm to which the lobbyist
 146 belongs. The Lobbyist Registration Office or its designee is
 147 authorized to acknowledge the oath of any person who registers in
 148 person. Any changes to the information provided in the
 149 registration form must be reported to the Lobbyist Registration
 150 Office in writing within 15 days on forms furnished by the

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151 Lobbyist Registration Office.

152 (2) Any person required to register must do so with respect
153 to each principal prior to commencement of lobbying on behalf of
154 that principal. At the time of registration, the registrant
155 shall provide a statement on a form provided by the Lobbyist
156 Registration Office, signed by the principal or principal's
157 representative that the registrant is authorized to represent the
158 principal. On the authorization statement the principal or
159 principal's representative shall also identify and designate the
160 principal's main business pursuant to a classification system
161 approved by the Office of Legislative Services that shall be the
162 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) six-digit
163 numerical code that most accurately describes the principal's
164 main business.

165 (3) Any person required to register must renew the
166 registration annually for each calendar year.

167 (4) A lobbyist shall promptly send a notice to the Lobbyist
168 Registration Office on forms furnished by the Lobbyist
169 Registration Office, canceling the registration for a principal
170 upon termination of the lobbyist's representation of that
171 principal. A notice of cancellation takes effect the day it is
172 received by the Lobbyist Registration Office. Notwithstanding
173 this requirement, the Lobbyist Registration Office may remove the
174 name of a lobbyist from the list of registered lobbyists if the
175 principal notifies the Lobbyist Registration Office that the
176 lobbyist is no longer authorized to represent that principal.

177 (5) The Lobbyist Registration Office shall retain all
178 original registration documents submitted under this rule.

179 (6) A person who is required to register under this rule,
180 or who chooses to register, shall be considered a lobbyist of the

181 Legislature for the purposes of sections 11.045, 112.3148, and
 182 112.3149, Florida Statutes.

183 1.3—Registration Costs; Exemptions

184 (1) To cover the costs incurred in administering this joint
 185 policy, each person who registers under Joint Senate and House
 186 Rule 1.1 must pay an annual registration fee to the Lobbyist
 187 Registration Office. The annual period runs from January 1 to
 188 December 31. These fees must be paid at the time of registration.

189 (2) The following persons are exempt from paying the fee,
 190 provided they are designated in writing by the agency head or
 191 person designated in this subsection:

192 (a) Two employees of each department of the executive
 193 branch created under chapter 20, Florida Statutes.

194 (b) Two employees of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
 195 Commission.

196 (c) Two employees of the Executive Office of the Governor.

197 (d) Two employees of the Commission on Ethics.

198 (e) Two employees of the Florida Public Service Commission.

199 (f) Two employees of the judicial branch designated in
 200 writing by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

201 (3) The annual fee is up to \$50 per each house for a person
 202 to register to represent one principal and up to an additional
 203 \$10 per house for each additional principal that the person
 204 registers to represent. The amount of each fee shall be
 205 established annually by the President of the Senate and the
 206 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The fees set shall be
 207 adequate to ensure operation of the lobbyist registration and
 208 reporting operations of the Lobbyist Registration Office. The
 209 fees collected by the Lobbyist Registration Office under this
 210 joint policy shall be deposited in the State Treasury and

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211 credited to the Legislative Lobbyist Registration Trust Fund
212 specifically to cover the costs incurred in administering this
213 joint policy.

214 1.4—Reporting of Lobbying Firm Compensation

215 (1) (a) Each lobbying firm shall file a compensation report
216 with the Division for each calendar quarter during any portion of
217 which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were registered to
218 represent a principal. The report shall include the:

219 1. Full name, business address, and telephone number of
220 the lobbying firm;

221 2. Registration name of each of the firm's lobbyists; and

222 3. Total compensation provided or owed to the lobbying
223 firm from all principals for the reporting period, reported in
224 one of the following categories: \$0; \$1 to \$49,999; \$50,000 to
225 \$99,999; \$100,000 to \$249,999; \$250,000 to \$499,999; \$500,000 to
226 \$999,999; \$1 million or more.

227 (b) For each principal represented by one or more of the
228 firm's lobbyists, the lobbying firm's compensation report shall
229 also include the:

230 1. Full name, business address, and telephone number of
231 the principal; and

232 2. Total compensation provided or owed to the lobbying
233 firm for the reporting period, reported in one of the following
234 categories: \$0; \$1 to \$9,999; \$10,000 to \$19,999; \$20,000 to
235 \$29,999; \$30,000 to \$39,999; \$40,000 to \$49,999; or \$50,000 or
236 more. If the category "\$50,000 or more" is selected, the specific
237 dollar amount of compensation must be reported, rounded up or
238 down to the nearest \$1,000.

239 (c) If the lobbying firm subcontracts work from another
240 lobbying firm and not from the original principal:

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241 1. The lobbying firm providing the work to be
 242 subcontracted shall be treated as the reporting lobbying firm's
 243 principal for reporting purposes under this paragraph; and

244 2. The reporting lobbying firm shall, for each lobbying
 245 firm identified as the reporting lobbying firm's principal under
 246 paragraph (b), identify the name and address of the principal
 247 originating the lobbying work.

248 (d) The senior partner, officer, or owner of the lobbying
 249 firm shall certify to the veracity and completeness of the
 250 information submitted pursuant to this Rule 1.4, and certify that
 251 no compensation has been omitted from this report by deeming such
 252 compensation as "consulting services," "media services,"
 253 "professional services," or anything other than compensation, and
 254 certify that no officer or employee of the firm has made an
 255 expenditure in violation of section 11.045, Florida Statutes, as
 256 amended by chapter 2005-359, Laws of Florida.

257 (2) For each principal represented by more than one
 258 lobbying firm, the division shall aggregate the reporting-period
 259 and calendar-year compensation reported as provided or owed by
 260 the principal. Compensation reported within a category shall be
 261 aggregated as follows:

262 Category (dollars)	Dollar amount to use aggregating
263 0	\$ 0.
264 1-9,999.	5,000.
265 10,000.-19,999.	15,000.
266 20,000.-29,999.	25,000.
267 30,000.-39,999.	35,000.
268 40,000.-49,999.	45,000.
269 \$50,000. or more	Actual amount reported

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271 (3) The reporting statements shall be filed no later than
272 45 days after the end of each reporting period. The four
273 reporting periods are from January 1 through March 31, April 1
274 through June 30, July 1 through September 30, and October 1
275 through December 31, respectively. The statements shall be
276 rendered in the identical form provided by the respective houses
277 and shall be open to public inspection. Effective April 1, 2007,
278 reporting statements must be filed by electronic means through
279 the electronic filing system developed by the Division,
280 conforming to subsection (4).

281 (4) The electronic filing system for compensation reporting
282 shall include the following:

283 (a) As used in this rule, the term "electronic filing
284 system" means an Internet system for recording and reporting
285 lobbying compensation and other required information by reporting
286 period.

287 (b) A report filed pursuant to this section must be
288 completed and filed through the electronic filing system not
289 later than 11:59 p.m. of the day designated in subsection (3). A
290 report not filed by 11:59 p.m. of the day designated is a late-
291 filed report and is subject to the penalties under Rule 1.5(1).

292 (c) Each person given secure sign-on credentials to file
293 via the electronic filing system is responsible for protecting
294 the credentials from disclosure and is responsible for all
295 filings made by use of such credentials, unless and until the
296 division is notified that the person's credentials have been
297 compromised. Each report filed by electronic means pursuant to
298 this section shall be deemed certified in accordance with
299 subsection (1)(d), by the person given the secure sign-on
300 credentials, and as such subjects the person and the lobbying

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301 firm to the provisions of ss. 11.045(8) as well as any discipline
 302 provided under the rules of the Senate and/or House.

303 (d) The electronic filing system must:

304 1. Be based on access by means of the Internet.

305 2. Be accessible by anyone with Internet access using
 306 standard web-browsing software.

307 3. Provide for direct entry of compensation-report
 308 information as well as upload of such information from
 309 software authorized by the division.

310 4. Provide a method that prevents unauthorized access to
 311 electronic filing system functions.

312 5. Provide for the issuance of an electronic receipt to
 313 the person submitting the report indicating and verifying the
 314 date and time that the report was filed.

315 (5) The Division shall provide reasonable public notice of
 316 the electronic filing procedures and of any significant changes
 317 in such procedures. In the event that the President and Speaker
 318 jointly declare the electronic system to be not operable, the
 319 reports shall be filed in the manner required prior to April 1,
 320 2007, unless the President and Speaker direct use of an alternate
 321 means of reporting. The Division shall develop and maintain such
 322 alternative means as may be practicable. Public notice of
 323 changes in filing procedures and any declaration or direction of
 324 the President and the Speaker may be provided by publication for
 325 a continuous period of reasonable time on one or more Internet
 326 websites maintained by the Senate and House.

327 (6) Prior to April 1, 2007, reports shall be filed no later
 328 than 5 p.m. of the report due date. However, any report that is
 329 postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than the
 330 due date shall be deemed to have been filed in a timely manner,

331 and a certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the
 332 United States Postal Service at the time of the mailing, or a
 333 receipt from an established courier company that bears a date on
 334 or before the due date, shall be proof of mailing in a timely
 335 manner.

336 1.5-Failure to File Timely Compensation Report; Notice and
 337 Assessment of Fines; Appeals

338 (1) Upon determining that the report is late, the person
 339 designated to review the timeliness of reports shall immediately
 340 notify the lobbying firm as to the failure to timely file the
 341 report and that a fine is being assessed for each late day. The
 342 fine shall be \$50 per day per report for each late day, not to
 343 exceed \$5,000 per report.

344 (2) (a) Effective April 1, 2007, upon receipt of the report,
 345 the person designated to review the timeliness of reports shall
 346 determine the amount of the fine based on when the report is
 347 actually received by the division or when the electronic receipt
 348 issued by the electronic filing system is dated, whichever is
 349 earlier.

350 (b) Prior to April 1, 2007, upon receipt of the report, the
 351 person designated to review the timeliness of reports shall
 352 determine the amount of the fine due based upon the earliest of
 353 the following:

- 354 1. When a report is actually received by the division.
- 355 2. When the report is postmarked.
- 356 3. When the certificate of mailing is dated.
- 357 4. When the receipt from an established courier company is
 358 dated.

359 (3) Such fine shall be paid within 30 days after the notice
 360 of payment due is transmitted by the person designated to review

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361 the timeliness of reports, unless appeal is made to the division.
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363 Registration Trust Fund.

364 (4) A fine shall not be assessed against a lobbying firm
365 the first time the report for which the lobbying firm is
366 responsible is not timely filed. However, to receive the one-time
367 fine waiver, the report for which the lobbying firm is
368 responsible must be filed within 30 days after notice that the
369 report has not been timely filed is transmitted by the person
370 designated to review the timeliness of reports. A fine shall be
371 assessed for any subsequent late-filed reports.

372 (5) Any lobbying firm may appeal or dispute a fine, based
373 upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the
374 designated due date, and may request and shall be entitled to a
375 hearing before the General Counsel of the Office of Legislative
376 Services, who shall recommend to the President of the Senate and
377 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or their respective
378 designees, that the fine be waived in whole or in part for good
379 cause shown. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
380 House of Representatives, or their respective designees, may by
381 joint agreement concur in the recommendation and waive the fine
382 in whole or in part. Any such request shall be made within 30
383 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted by the person
384 designated to review the timeliness of reports. In such case, the
385 lobbying firm shall, within the 30-day period, notify the person
386 designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing of his
387 or her intention to request a hearing.

388 (6) A lobbying firm may request that the filing of a report
389 be waived upon good cause shown, based on unusual circumstances.
390 The request must be filed with the General Counsel of the Office

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391 of Legislative Services, who shall make a recommendation
392 concerning the waiver request to the President of the Senate and
393 the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President of
394 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may,
395 by joint agreement, grant or deny the request.

396 (7) (a) All lobbyist registrations for lobbyists who are
397 partners, owners, officers, or employees of a lobbying firm that
398 fails to timely pay a fine are automatically suspended until the
399 fine is paid or waived, and the division shall promptly notify
400 all affected principals and the President of the Senate and the
401 Speaker of the House of Representatives of any suspension or
402 reinstatement. All lobbyists who are partners, owners, officers,
403 or employees of a lobbying firm are jointly and severally liable
404 for any outstanding fine owed by a lobbying firm.

405 (b) No such lobbyist may be reinstated in any capacity
406 representing any principal until the fine is paid or until the
407 fine is waived as to that lobbyist. A suspended lobbyist may
408 request a waiver upon good cause shown, based on unusual
409 circumstances. The request must be filed with the General Counsel
410 of the Office of Legislative Services who shall, as soon as
411 practicable, make a recommendation concerning the waiver request
412 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
413 Representatives. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of
414 the House of Representatives may, by joint agreement, grant or
415 deny the request.

416 (8) The person designated to review the timeliness of
417 reports shall notify the director of the division of the failure
418 of a lobbying firm to file a report after notice or of the
419 failure of a lobbying firm to pay the fine imposed.

420 1.6—Open Records; internet publication of registrations and

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421 compensation reports

422 (1) All of the lobbyist registration forms and compensation
423 reports received by the Lobbyist Registration Office shall be
424 available for public inspection and for duplication at reasonable
425 cost.

426 (2) The division shall make information filed pursuant to
427 Rules 1.2 and 1.4 available on the Internet in an easily
428 understood and accessible format. The Internet website shall
429 include, but not be limited to, the names and business addresses
430 of lobbyists, lobbying firms, and principals, the affiliations
431 between lobbyists and principals, and the classification system
432 designated and identified with respect to principals pursuant to
433 Rule 1.2.

434 1.7—Records Retention and Inspection and Complaint Procedure

435 (1) Each lobbying firm and each principal shall preserve
436 for a period of 4 years all accounts, bills, receipts, computer
437 records, books, papers, and other documents and records necessary
438 to substantiate

439 (2) Upon receipt of a complaint based upon the personal
440 knowledge of the complainant made pursuant to the Senate Rules or
441 Rules of the House of Representatives, any such documents and
442 records may be inspected when authorized by the President of the
443 Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as
444 applicable. The person authorized to perform the inspection shall
445 be designated in writing and shall be a member of The Florida Bar
446 or a certified public accountant licensed in Florida. Any
447 information obtained by such an inspection may only be used for
448 purposes authorized by law, this Joint Rule One, Senate Rules, or
449 Rules of the House of Representatives, which purposes may include
450 the imposition of sanctions against a person subject to this rule

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451 or Senate Rules or the Rules of the House of Representatives. Any
452 employee who uses that information for an unauthorized purpose is
453 subject to discipline. Any member who uses that information for
454 an unauthorized purpose is subject to discipline under the
455 applicable rules of each house.

456 (3) The right of inspection may be enforced by appropriate
457 writ issued by any court of competent jurisdiction.

458 1.8—Questions Regarding Interpretation of this Joint Rule
459 One

460 (1) A person may request in writing an informal opinion
461 from the General Counsel of the Office of Legislative Services as
462 to the application of this Joint Rule One to a specific
463 situation. The General Counsel shall issue the opinion within 10
464 days after receiving the request. The informal opinion may be
465 relied upon by the person who requested the informal opinion. A
466 copy of each informal opinion that is issued shall be provided to
467 the presiding officer of each house. A committee of either house
468 designated pursuant to section 11.045(5), Florida Statutes, may
469 revise any informal opinion rendered by the General Counsel
470 through an advisory opinion to the person who requested the
471 informal opinion. The advisory opinion shall supersede the
472 informal opinion as of the date the advisory opinion is issued.

473 (2) Persons in doubt about the applicability or
474 interpretation of this Joint Rule One may submit in writing the
475 facts for an advisory opinion to the committee of either house
476 designated pursuant to section 11.045(5), Florida Statutes, and
477 may appear in person before the committee in accordance with
478 section 11.045(5), Florida Statutes.

479 1.9—Effect of Readoption and Revision

480 All obligations existing under Joint Rule One as of the last day

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481 of the previous legislative biennium are hereby ratified,
482 preserved and reimposed pursuant to the terms thereof as of that
483 date. The provisions of Joint Rule One are imposed retroactive
484 to the first day of the present legislative biennium except that
485 provisions new to this revision are effective on the date of
486 adoption or as otherwise may be expressly provided herein.

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JOINT RULE SEVEN

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Joint Legislative Budget Commission

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7.1-General Responsibilities

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(1) The commission, as provided in chapter 216, Florida
Statutes, shall receive and review notices of budget and
personnel actions and proposed actions taken or to be taken by
the executive and judicial branches and shall approve or
disapprove such actions.

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(2) Through the chairman, the commission shall advise the
Governor and the Chief Justice of actions or proposed actions
that exceed delegated authority or that are contrary to
legislative policy and intent.

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(3) To the extent possible, the commission shall inform
members of the Legislature of budget amendments requested by the
executive or judicial branches.

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(4) The commission shall consult with the Chief Financial
Officer and the Executive Office of the Governor on matters as
required by chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

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(5) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
House of Representatives may jointly assign other
responsibilities to the commission in addition to those assigned
by law.

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(6) The commission shall develop policies and procedures

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511 necessary to carry out its assigned responsibilities.

512 (7) The commission, with the approval of the President of
513 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, may
514 appoint subcommittees as necessary to facilitate its work.

515 7.2—Organizational Structure

516 (1) The commission shall be composed of seven members of
517 the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and seven
518 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker
519 of the House of Representatives.

520 (2) The commission shall be jointly staffed by the
521 appropriations committees of both houses. The Senate shall
522 provide the lead staff when the chairperson is a Senator. The
523 House of Representatives shall provide the lead staff, when the
524 chairperson is a Representative.

525 7.3—Notice of Commission Meetings

526 Not less than 7 days prior to a meeting of the commission, a
527 notice of the meeting, stating the items to be considered, date,
528 time, and place, shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate
529 when the chairman is a Senator or with the Clerk of the House of
530 Representatives when the chairman is a Representative. The
531 Secretary or the Clerk shall distribute notice to the Legislature
532 and the public, consistent with the rules and policies of their
533 respective houses.

534 7.4—Effect of adoption; intent

535 This Joint Rule Seven replaces all prior joint rules
536 governing the Joint Legislative Budget Commission. Joint Rule
537 Seven is intended to implement constitutional provisions relating
538 to the Joint Legislative Budget Commission existing as of the
539 date of the rule's adoption.