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349	or direct-support organization's website.
350	Section 6. Section 112.3261, Florida Statutes, is created
351	to read:
352	112.3261 Lobbying before water management districts;
353	registration and reporting
354	(1) As used in this section, the term:
355	(a) "District" means a water management district created in
356	s. 373.069 and operating under the authority of chapter 373.
357	(b) "Lobbies" means seeking, on behalf of another person,
358	to influence a district with respect to a decision of the
359	district in an area of policy or procurement or an attempt to
360	obtain the goodwill of a district official or employee. The term
361	"lobbies" shall be interpreted and applied consistently with the
362	rules of the commission implementing s. 112.3215.
363	(c) "Lobbyist" has the same meaning as provided in s.
364	<u>112.3215.</u>
365	(d) "Principal" has the same meaning as provided in s.
366	<u>112.3215.</u>
367	(2) A person may not lobby a district until such person has
368	registered as a lobbyist with that district. Such registration
369	shall be due upon initially being retained to lobby and is
370	renewable on a calendar-year basis thereafter. Upon
371	registration, the person shall provide a statement signed by the
372	principal or principal's representative stating that the
373	registrant is authorized to represent the principal. The
374	principal shall also identify and designate its main business on
375	the statement authorizing that lobbyist pursuant to a

classification system approved by the district. Any changes to

the information required by this section must be disclosed

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within 15 days by filing a new registration form. The registration form shall require each lobbyist to disclose, under oath, the following:

- (a) The lobbyist's name and business address.
- (b) The name and business address of each principal represented.
- (c) The existence of any direct or indirect business association, partnership, or financial relationship with any officer or employee of a district with which he or she lobbies or intends to lobby.
- (d) In lieu of creating its own lobbyist registration forms, a district may accept a completed legislative branch or executive branch lobbyist registration form.
- (3) A district shall make lobbyist registrations available to the public. If a district maintains a website, a database of currently registered lobbyists and principals must be available on the district's website.
- (4) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to the district cancelling the registration for a principal upon termination of the lobbyist's representation of that principal. A district may remove the name of a lobbyist from the list of registered lobbyists if the principal notifies the district that a person is no longer authorized to represent that principal.
- (5) A district may establish an annual lobbyist registration fee, not to exceed \$40, for each principal represented. The district may use registration fees only to administer this section.
- (6) A district shall be diligent to ascertain whether persons required to register pursuant to this section have

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complied. A district may not knowingly authorize a person who is not registered pursuant to this section to lobby the district.

- (7) Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that a lobbyist or principal has failed to register with a district or has knowingly submitted false information in a report or registration required under this section, the commission shall investigate a lobbyist or principal pursuant to the procedures established under s. 112.324. The commission shall provide the Governor with a report of its findings and recommendations in any investigation conducted pursuant to this subsection. The Governor is authorized to enforce the commission's findings and recommendations.
- (8) Water management districts may adopt rules to establish procedures to govern the registration of lobbyists, including the adoption of forms and the establishment of a lobbyist registration fee.

Section 7. Section 286.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

286.012 Voting requirement at meetings of governmental bodies.—A No member of a any state, county, or municipal governmental board, commission, or agency who is present at a any meeting of any such body at which an official decision, ruling, or other official act is to be taken or adopted may not abstain from voting in regard to any such decision, ruling, or act; and a vote shall be recorded or counted for each such member present, unless except when, with respect to any such member, there is, or appears to be, a possible conflict of interest under the provisions of s. 112.311, s. 112.313, or s. 112.3143, or additional or more stringent standards of conduct,