

Governor's Budget Recommendation Conforming Bill
Public Employee Relations Commission Employee Benefits

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Public Employee Relations
3 Commission; amending section 447.205, Florida Statutes;
4 revising employment requirements of commissioners;
5 providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 447.205, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 (1) The Public Employees Relations Commission, hereinafter
12 referred to as the "commission," shall be composed of a chair
13 and two part-time members to be appointed by the Governor,
14 subject to confirmation by the Senate, from persons
15 representative of the public and known for their objective and
16 independent judgment, who shall not be employed by, or hold any
17 commission with, any governmental unit in the state or any
18 employee organization, as defined in this part, while in such
19 office. In no event shall more than one appointee be a person
20 who, on account of previous vocation, employment, or
21 affiliation, is, or has been, classified as a representative of
22 employers; and in no event shall more than one such appointee be
23 a person who, on account of previous vocation, employment, or
24 affiliation, is, or has been, classified as a representative of
25 employees or employee organizations. ~~The chair of the commission~~
26 ~~shall devote full time to commission duties and shall not engage~~
27 ~~in any other business, vocation, or employment while in such~~
28 ~~office. The part-time members shall not engage in any business,~~
29 ~~vocation, or employment that conflicts with their duties while~~

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30 | ~~in such office.~~ Beginning January 1, 1980, the chair shall be
31 | appointed for a term of 4 years, one commissioner for a term of
32 | 1 year, and one commissioner for a term of 2 years. Thereafter,
33 | every term of office shall be for 4 years; and each term of the
34 | office of chair shall commence on January 1 of the second year
35 | following each regularly scheduled general election at which a
36 | Governor is elected to a full term of office. In the event of a
37 | vacancy prior to the expiration of a term of office, an
38 | appointment shall be made for the unexpired term of that office.
39 | The chair shall be responsible for the administrative functions
40 | of the commission and shall have the authority to employ such
41 | personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of
42 | this part. Once appointed to the office of chair, the chair
43 | shall serve as chair for the duration of the term of office of
44 | chair. Nothing contained herein prohibits a chair or
45 | commissioner from serving multiple terms.

46 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.