

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to county and municipal public officer
 3 transparency; amending s. 106.07, F.S.; requiring
 4 certain campaign finance reports be posted on the
 5 applicable qualifying officer's website; amending s.
 6 112.061, F.S.; requiring that requests to travel out
 7 of state by county or municipal public officers be
 8 approved by the governing body of the county or
 9 municipality at a regularly scheduled meeting;
 10 specifying requirements for such meetings; prohibiting
 11 advancement or reimbursement for travel expenses of
 12 such public officers for foreign travel; providing
 13 exemptions for county constitutional officers;
 14 providing an effective date.

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 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 18 Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 106.07,
 19 Florida Statutes, to read:

20 106.07 Reports; certification and filing.—

21 (10) The applicable qualifying officer must post on the
 22 qualifying officer's official website any report that an elected
 23 county or municipal public officer who is a candidate for
 24 elective office must file pursuant to this section within 10
 25 days after the report is filed. This section applies to any

26 | report such candidate must file for his or her campaign or a
 27 | political committee that he or she controls. Any such report
 28 | shall remain on the qualifying officer's website until the end
 29 | of the next calendar quarter after the election for which the
 30 | candidate has qualified.

31 | Section 2. Paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) of subsection (3)
 32 | of section 112.061, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 33 | paragraphs (g), (h), and (i), respectively, paragraph (a) of
 34 | that subsection is amended, and new paragraph (f) is added to
 35 | that subsection, to read:

36 | 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,
 37 | employees, and authorized persons.—

38 | (3) AUTHORITY TO INCUR TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

39 | (a) All travel must be authorized and approved by the head
 40 | of the agency, or his or her designated representative, from
 41 | whose funds the traveler is paid. The head of the agency shall
 42 | not authorize or approve such a request unless:

43 | 1. It is accompanied by a signed statement by the
 44 | traveler's supervisor stating that such travel is on the
 45 | official business of the state and also stating the purpose of
 46 | such travel.

47 | 2. For county or municipal public officers requesting
 48 | authorization to travel outside of the state, such travel must
 49 | be on the official business of the county or municipality and
 50 | must be approved by the governing body at a regularly scheduled

51 meeting prior to the officer's travel, unless ratified for good
 52 cause at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Good cause
 53 requires a written explanation for why the travel request could
 54 not be approved in advance. The request must include an itemized
 55 list detailing all anticipated travel expenses, including, but
 56 not limited to, the anticipated costs of all means of travel,
 57 lodging, and subsistence. All travel approved in accordance with
 58 this subparagraph shall be posted to the county's or
 59 municipality's website. If a municipality does not maintain a
 60 website, it must request that the applicable county post the
 61 approved travel on the county's website. The applicable county
 62 must comply with such request. All such approved travel must be
 63 posted to the applicable website as soon as practicable, but no
 64 later than 10 days after approval, and shall remain on the
 65 website until the end of the next calendar quarter. This
 66 paragraph does not apply to a county constitutional officer, as
 67 defined in s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State Constitution, who is
 68 elected by the electors of the county.

69 (f) Travel expenses of county or municipal public officers
 70 for foreign travel shall not be allowed under any circumstances.
 71 This paragraph does not apply to a county constitutional
 72 officer, as defined in s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State
 73 Constitution, who is elected by the electors of the county.

74 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.