

## CHAPTER 98-188

### Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 152

An act relating to the powers and duties of the Governor; amending s. 14.23, F.S.; regulating the nomination of appointees to federal regional fisheries management councils; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 14.23, Florida Statutes, to read:

14.23 State-Federal relations.—

(4)(a) NOMINATIONS TO FEDERAL REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCILS.—The Governor is prohibited from nominating for appointment to any one of the federal fisheries management councils established under 16 U.S.C. s. 1801, et seq, as amended, the name of any person who is, or who has been at any time during the 24 months preceding such nomination, a lobbyist for any entity of any kind whatsoever whose interests are or could be affected by actions or decisions of such fisheries management councils.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term “lobbyist” means any natural person who is required to register pursuant to s. 11.045 or the equivalent federal statute and who, for compensation, seeks, or sought during the preceding 24 months, to influence the governmental decisionmaking of a reporting individual or procurement employee, as those terms are defined under s. 112.3148, or his or her agency, to encourage the passage, defeat, or modification of any proposal or recommendation by such reporting individual or procurement employee or his or her agency.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

Became a law without the Governor’s approval May 24, 1998.

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