CHAPTER 2025-170

Senate Bill No. 118

An act relating to regulation of presidential libraries; creating s. 257.51, F.S.; providing legislative findings; preempting to the state all regulatory authority over the establishment, maintenance, activities, and operations of presidential libraries; deferring such regulatory authority to the Federal Government; defining the term "presidential library"; prohibiting counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions from enacting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, rule, or other measure regarding presidential libraries unless authorized by federal law; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1.   Section 257.51, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

257.51   Preemption of regulation of presidential libraries.—

(1)   The Legislature finds that presidential libraries are unique national institutions designated to house, preserve, and make accessible the records of former presidents. This section preempts to the state all regulation of the establishment, maintenance, activities, and operations of any presidential library within its jurisdiction and defers regulation of such institutions to the Federal Government.

(2)   As used in this section, the term "presidential library" means an institution administered or designated under the Presidential Libraries Act, as amended, Pub. L. No. 99-323, established for the preservation and accessibility of presidential records and related historical materials.

(3)   A county, a municipality, or another political subdivision of this state may not enact or enforce any ordinance, resolution, rule, or other measure governing the establishment, maintenance, or operation of a presidential library or impose any requirement or restriction thereon, except as otherwise authorized by federal law.

Section 2.   This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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