

Meeting Date
Nov. 17, 2015



AGENDA	
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Item No.	I.O.

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Resolution: supporting the current version of the draft bill entitled "Misuse of Public Office Act"; providing an effective date
DEPT/OFFICE:	Commissioner Robin Fisher District 1 County Commissioner

Requested Action:
 It is requested the Board of County Commissioners approve a resolution supporting the current version of the draft bill entitled "Misuse of Public Office Act"; providing an effective date

Summary Explanation & Background:

Staff Contact: Holly Carver, Legislative Aide, District 1: 321-264-6750

Clerk to the Board instruction: Send the certified copy to Office of Senator Don Gaetz, 4300 Legendary Dr # 230, Destin, FL 32541
 Office of Representative Ritch Workman, District Office, Suite D, 33 Suntree Place, Melbourne, FL 32940-7602
 and The Office of Governor Rick Scott, State of Florida, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Exhibits Attached:

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Manager	Deputy County Manager		Department Director / Extension				
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager						



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November 18, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robin Fisher, District 1 Commissioner Attn: Holly Carver

RE: Item I.B., Resolution Supporting the Current Version of the Draft Bill Entitled "Misuse of Public Office Act" and Providing an Effective Date

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on November 17, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 15-218, supporting the current version of the draft bill entitled "Misuse of Public Office Act"; and providing an effective date of November 17, 2015. Enclosed is a certified copy of the Resolution for your action.

The Clerk to the Board has provided a certified copy of the Resolution to the Office of Senator Gaetz, the Office of Representative Ritch Workman, and the Office of Governor Rick Scott.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

/ds

Encls. (1)

cc: County Manager
County Attorney
Clerk of Courts

RESOLUTION

2015-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE DRAFT BILL ENTITLED MISUSE OF PUBLIC OFFICE ACT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is concerned about ethics and public trust in government; and

WHEREAS, current legislation regulating ethical violations in the State of Florida has gaps which allow obvious ethical violations to go unpunished; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners finds that unpunished ethical violations erode public trust in government, which affects all public officials; and

WHEREAS, legislation entitled Misuse of Public Office Act has been proposed for the 2016 session of the Florida Legislature by various Gannett newspapers, including Florida Today, and is being sponsored in the State Senate by Senator Donald J. Gaetz and State House by Representative Ritch Workman; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the proposed legislation is to address certain provisions in current State law that have prevented law enforcement and State Attorneys from pursuing certain persons suspected of conduct that would constitute unethical or corrupt behavior but for the language in current State law; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners supports the proposed legislation as currently drafted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, supports the adoption of the Misuse of Public Office Act attached hereto as Exhibit A.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clerk to the Board of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of Senator Gaetz, the Office of Representative Ritch Workman and the Office of Governor Rick Scott.

THIS RESOLUTION shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 17th day of November, 2015.



Scot Ellis, Clerk



JIM BARFIELD CHAIRMAN

As approved by the Board on 11-17-15