

CHAPTER 2012-116

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 7055

An act relating to administrative authority; providing legislative findings; providing legislative intent; amending s. 20.02, F.S.; clarifying the authority of the Governor; amending s. 20.03, F.S.; revising the definition of the terms “head of the department” and “secretary”; defining the term “to serve at the pleasure”; clarifying supervisory powers of appointing authority; amending s. 20.05, F.S., relating to powers and duties of department heads; incorporating constitutional allocation of executive authority; creating s. 120.515, F.S.; declaring policy regarding executive authority with respect to the Administrative Procedure Act; amending s. 120.52, F.S.; revising the term “agency head” to clarify supervisory powers of the appointing authority; amending s. 11.242, F.S.; providing for removal of duplicative, redundant, or unused rulemaking authority as part of the reviser’s bill process; repealing s. 14.34(3), F.S., relating to the Governor’s Medal of Merit; repealing rulemaking authority; amending s. 15.16, F.S.; deleting authority of the Department of State to adopt rules relating to the issuance of apostilles; repealing s. 15.18(7), F.S., relating to international and cultural relations; repealing rulemaking authority of the Secretary of State with respect to entering into contracts that are primarily for promotional services and events; amending s. 16.60, F.S.; deleting authority of the Attorney General to adopt rules relating to mediation proceedings; repealing s. 17.0416(2), F.S., relating to the authority to provide services on a fee basis; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Financial Services with respect thereto; repealing s. 17.59(3), F.S., relating to safekeeping services; repealing rulemaking authority of the Chief Financial Officer for the proper management and maintenance of the collateral management service; repealing s. 25.371, F.S., relating to the effect of rules adopted by the Supreme Court on statutory provisions; repealing s. 28.43, F.S., relating to the adoption of rules in relation to ss. 28.35, 28.36, and 28.37, relating to duties of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation and clerks of the court; repealing s. 35.07, F.S., relating to power of the district courts of appeal to make rules and regulations; repealing s. 39.001(11), F.S., relating to rulemaking authority of Executive Office of the Governor with respect to the protection of children under chapter 39; amending s. 39.0137, F.S.; deleting rulemaking authority of the Department of Children and Family Services with respect to enforcement of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act and federal Multi-Ethnic Placement Act of 1994; repealing s. 39.824(1), F.S.; repealing a provision requesting the Supreme Court to adopt rules of juvenile procedure for purposes of pt. XI, ch. 39, relating to guardians ad litem and guardian advocates; amending s. 63.167, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Children and Family Services relating to the establishment and operation of the state adoption information center; repealing s. 88.9051, F.S., relating to authority of the Department of Revenue to adopt rules to implement the Uniform Interstate Family

Support Act; amending ss. 97.026, 97.0555, and 97.061, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of State under the Election Code; repealing s. 101.56062(3), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the department relating to standards for accessible voting systems; amending ss. 103.101 and 106.165, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the department relating to conduct of the presidential preference primary and use of closed captioning and descriptive narrative in television broadcasts; amending s. 110.1055, F.S., relating to rulemaking authority of the Department of Management Services with respect to chapter 110, relating to state employment; deleting obsolete language; repealing s. 110.1099(5), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the department relating to education and training opportunities for state employees; repealing s. 110.1228(7), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the department relating to participation in the state group health insurance and prescription drug coverage programs by small counties, small municipalities, and district school boards located in small counties; amending s. 110.12301, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the department relating to dependent eligibility verification services for the state group insurance program; repealing s. 112.1915(4), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the State Board of Education relating to death benefits for teachers and school administrators; amending s. 118.12, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Revenue relating to certification of a civil-law notary's authority; repealing s. 121.085(1), F.S.; repealing authority of the Department of Management Services relating to submission of information necessary to establish a member's claim of creditable service under the Florida Retirement System; repealing s. 121.1001(4)(b), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Division of Retirement relating to administration of the Florida Retirement System Preservation of Benefits Plan; repealing s. 121.4503(3), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Management Services relating to the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund; amending s. 121.5911, F.S.; deleting rulemaking authority of the department relating to maintaining the qualified status of the disability retirement program and the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan; repealing s. 125.902(4), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Children and Family Services relating to children's services council or juvenile welfare board incentive grants; repealing s. 154.503(4), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Health relating to the Primary Care for Children and Families Challenge Grant Program; amending s. 159.8081, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Economic Opportunity relating to the manufacturing facility bond pool; amending s. 159.8083, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the department relating to the Florida First Business allocation pool; repealing s. 159.825(3), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the State Board of Administration relating to terms of bonds; repealing s. 161.75, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Environmental Regulation and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission relating to the Oceans and Coastal Resources Act; repealing s. 163.462, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Community Affairs relating to the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969; repealing s. 163.517(6), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Legal Affairs relating to the Safe

Neighborhoods Program; repealing s. 175.341(2), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Division of Retirement relating to firefighter pensions; repealing s. 177.504(2)(e), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Environmental Protection relating to the Florida Public Land Survey Restoration and Perpetuation Act; repealing s. 185.23(2), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Division of Retirement relating to municipal police pensions; repealing s. 255.25001(2), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Management Services relating to determining whether a lease-purchase of a state-owned office building is in the best interests of the state; repealing s. 257.34(7), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State relating to the Florida International Archive and Repository; repealing s. 364.0135(6), F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Management Services relating to the promotion of broadband adoption; amending s. 366.85, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Division of Consumer Services of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services relating to the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act; repealing s. 409.5092, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Children and Family Services relating to permission for weatherization; amending s. 501.142, F.S.; repealing rulemaking authority of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services relating to retail sales establishments and authority to sanction violations of such rules; amending s. 985.682, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

Section 7. Section 120.515, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

120.515 Declaration of policy.—This chapter provides uniform procedures for the exercise of specified authority. This chapter does not limit or impinge upon the assignment of executive power under Article IV of the State Constitution or the legal authority of an appointing authority to direct and supervise those appointees serving at the pleasure of the appointing authority. For purposes of this chapter, adherence to the direction and supervision of an appointing authority does not constitute delegation or transfer of statutory authority assigned to the appointee.

Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 120.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.52 Definitions.—As used in this act:

(3) “Agency head” means the person or collegial body in a department or other governmental unit statutorily responsible for final agency action. An agency head appointed by and serving at the pleasure of

an appointing authority remains subject to the direction and supervision of the appointing authority but actions taken by the agency head as authorized by statute are official acts.