

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to county budget officers; amending s.
 3 129.025, F.S.; specifying that the county budget
 4 officer reports directly to the board of county
 5 commissioners; prohibiting such officer from being a
 6 member of the executive branch of county government
 7 unless otherwise authorized; specifying the powers of
 8 certain county entities while acting as ex-officio
 9 budget officers; providing that any actions by such
 10 officers do not violate specified prohibitions;
 11 providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 129.025, Florida
 16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 129.025 County budget officer.—

18 (1)(a) Each board of county commissioners may designate a
 19 county budget officer to carry out the duties set forth in this
 20 chapter. The county budget officer reports directly to the board
 21 and may not be a member of any executive branch of county
 22 government, except as authorized in paragraph (b).

23 (b) Unless the board designates a different officer, the
 24 clerk of the circuit court or the county comptroller, if
 25 applicable, shall be the ex-officio budget officer for the

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26 | purposes of this chapter. The clerk of the circuit court or the
27 | county comptroller, while acting as the ex-officio budget
28 | officer, reports to the board in a strictly legislative
29 | capacity, and any action taken by the clerk of the circuit court
30 | or the county comptroller acting as an ex-officio budget officer
31 | does not violate any prohibition on that individual also working
32 | in an executive branch capacity.

33 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.