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**DATE:** April 18, 1998

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
BILL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

**BILL #:** HB 4777

**RELATING TO:** Santa Rosa County (Civil Service Board)

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Burroughs

**COMPANION BILL(S):** SB 2606 (i)

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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**I. SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the class of "unclassified service" to include county project coordinator.

The bill provides for the inclusion of one supervisory-level person employed or appointed by and at the discretion of an appointing authority for every 10 employees who are employed in or appointed to the classified service by an appointing authority in the unclassified service classification of the Santa Rosa County Civil Service System. This provision is subject to a maximum of 10 such supervisory-level employees or appointees for each appointing authority.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Civil Service System special act for Santa Rosa County employees was first passed by the 1979 Legislature (chapter 79-561, Laws of Florida). It has been amended several times since the initial passage. The act was recodified and reorganized in 1994 by chapter 94-490, Laws of Florida, and was subsequently amended by chapters 95-487 and 96-550, Laws of Florida.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill expands the "unclassified service" classification to include the county project coordinator.

This bill provides for the inclusion of one supervisory-level person employed or appointed by and at the discretion of an appointing authority for every 10 employees who are employed in or appointed to the classified service by an appointing authority in the unclassified service classification of the Santa Rosa County Civil Service System. This provision is subject to a maximum of 10 such supervisory-level employees or appointees for each appointing authority.

C. LAWS OF FLORIDA/FLORIDA STATUTES AFFECTED:

Chapters 79-561, 81-487, 84-525, 90-478, 94-490, 95-487 and 96-550, Laws of Florida.

D. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

a. Does the bill create, increase or reduce, either directly or indirectly:

(1) any authority to make rules or adjudicate disputes?

No.

(2) any new responsibilities, obligations or work for other governmental or private organizations or individuals?

No.

(3) any entitlement to a government service or benefit?

Yes. These supervisory-level persons will be entitled to the "unclassified service" designation.

b. If an agency or program is eliminated or reduced:

(1) what responsibilities, costs and powers are passed on to another program, agency, level of government, or private entity?

N/A

(2) what is the cost of such responsibility at the new level/agency?

N/A

(3) how is the new agency accountable to the people governed?

N/A

2. Lower Taxes:

a. Does the bill increase anyone's taxes?

No.

b. Does the bill require or authorize an increase in any fees?

No.

c. Does the bill reduce total taxes, both rates and revenues?

No.

d. Does the bill reduce total fees, both rates and revenues?

No.

e. Does the bill authorize any fee or tax increase by any local government?

No.

3. Personal Responsibility:

a. Does the bill reduce or eliminate an entitlement to government services or subsidy?

No.

- b. Do the beneficiaries of the legislation directly pay any portion of the cost of implementation and operation?

N/A

4. Individual Freedom:

- a. Does the bill increase the allowable options of individuals or private organizations/associations to conduct their own affairs?

N/A

- b. Does the bill prohibit, or create new government interference with, any presently lawful activity?

N/A

5. Family Empowerment:

- a. If the bill purports to provide services to families or children:

- (1) Who evaluates the family's needs?

N/A

- (2) Who makes the decisions?

N/A

- (3) Are private alternatives permitted?

N/A

- (4) Are families required to participate in a program?

N/A

- (5) Are families penalized for not participating in a program?

N/A

- b. Does the bill directly affect the legal rights and obligations between family members?

N/A

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- c. If the bill creates or changes a program providing services to families or children, in which of the following does the bill vest control of the program, either through direct participation or appointment authority:

(1) parents and guardians?

N/A

(2) service providers?

N/A

(3) government employees/agencies?

N/A

**E. SECTION-BY-SECTION RESEARCH:**

**Section 1** - Amends section 1 of the Santa Rosa County Civil Service Board special act, as follows:

- Expands the class of "unclassified service" to include the county project coordinator; and
- Grants the appointing authority the discretion to employ or appoint one supervisory-level person per 10 classified service employees, subject to a maximum of 10 such positions per appointing authority, in the unclassified service classification.

**Section 2** - Provides an effective date of upon becoming a law.

**III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? February 2, 1998

WHERE? Milton, Santa Rosa County, Florida; *The Santa Rosa Press Gazette* (published weekly).

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN?

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C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached [x ] No [ ]

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached [x ] No [ ]

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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