An act relating to the City of Jacksonville, Duval County; amending chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended; amending the Charter of the City of Jacksonville; clarifying the exemptions provided by the charter to designated employees; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (k), (1), (t), (u), and (aa) of section 17.06 of Article 17 of chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended, are amended, and subsection (gg) is added to said section, to read:

ARTICLE 17. CIVIL SERVICE

Section 17.06. Applicability of civil service system to employees of consolidated government.—The civil service provisions of this charter shall be applicable to all employees of the consolidated government except:

(k) Assistant council auditor, council secretary, council assistant secretaries, the secretary to the president of the council, the council director of staff services, chief of research, senior research associate, the council research assistants, and the chief of council administration, and executive council assistants appointed by council members, upon approval of the City Council, council aids, provided that any person holding the position fo council aid on July 1, 1996, and who previous to that date had civil service status, shall retain protection from dismissal without cause as provided in the civil service and personnel rules and

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regulations until July 1, 1999, at which time all council aids shall be appointed and exempt from civil service.

- (1) Assistant information computer technology officers.
- (t) The following persons employed within the judicial branch of government:
 - (1) Mediators. Mediator.
- (u) The following persons employed within the department of administration and finance:
 - (1) Minority business coordinator.
- person holding such position at the time of exemption from civil service may elect to retain civil service status for the duration of continuous employment in the position. Assistant communications officer.
 - (3) Quality standards specialist.
 - (4) Internal auditors.
- (5) Industrial psychologist and managers of personnel services employed in the personnel division.
 - (6) Managers of accounting services.
- (aa) The following persons employed by the office of the sheriff:
- (7) Chaplains, except that any person serving as a chaplain on January 1, 1997, may remain in the classified civil service.
 - (gg) The following positions:
- (1) The executive director, heads of activities, and professional employees of the Downtown Development Authority appointed under section 20.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.