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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
ANALYSIS - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

BILL #: HB 1599

RELATING TO: Union County

SPONSOR(S): Representative Crady

COMPANION BILL(S): None

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

- (1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (PRC)
- (2) FINANCE & TAXATION (FRC)
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I. SUMMARY:

The bill amends the City of Lake Butler Charter. The bill replaces the city council with a city commission and revises the terminology to conform. The bill revises certain language relating to certain city authority. The bill authorizes certain interlocal agreements. The bill revises the powers and duties of the city commission. The bill revises the powers and duties of the mayor. The bill revises provisions relating to qualifications of candidates for the office of city commissioners. The bill revises provisions relating to ordinances. The bill repeals certain sections which have been superseded by general law. The bill repeals certain sections which are superseded by state and federal constitutions.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Background on the City of Lake Butler: The City of Lake Butler was originally created by chapter 12960, Laws of Florida, 1927. In 1963, the previous chapter law was repealed and replaced with chapter 63-1499, Laws of Florida, which created the charter of the City of Lake Butler. In 1981, the charter was amended by chapter 81-406, Laws of Florida.

Charter of the City of Lake Butler:

ARTICLE I. INCORPORATION

Section 1: Abolishes the previous city and creates the City of Lake Butler as a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, located in Union County, Florida.

Section 2: Transfers title, rights and ownership of property, etc. to the 1963 created municipal corporation. Retains in effect ordinances and resolutions of the previous municipality until altered, amended, modified, or repealed by the city council. Powers, franchises, rights, contracts, immunities, privileges, obligations and official acts are reserved and declared not to be adversely affected by the 1963 municipal incorporation. The newly incorporated municipality is declared to be the successor in governorship, proprietorship, jurisdiction, powers, privileges, rights, immunities, obligations. The positions of the officers, officials and employees of the municipality abolished are reserved to the officers, officials and employees and their vested rights remain vested in them under the municipality, except as expressly provided in the Charter to the contrary.

Section 3: Establishes the terms of the city officers and employees.

Section 4: Provides for the corporate territory of the city.

Section 5: Provides procedures for changing city's territorial limits.

ARTICLE II. JURISDICTION, POWERS AND IMMUNITIES

Section 7: Provides for municipal sovereignty.

Section 8: Provides for a corporate Seal.

Section 9: Provides for the general powers to the city.

Section 10: Provides for the powers of local self-government.

Section 11: Provides that the enumeration of particular powers is not exclusive.

Section 12: Provides for the adoption of general statutes relating to cities and towns and their use of power under state law.

Section 13: Provides authority to require bond.

Section 14: Provides jurisdiction for the city.

Section 15: Provides limitations on causes of actions against the city.

Section 16: Provides requirement notice of intention to sue.

ARTICLE III. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Section 17: Provides for a city council and officers.

Section 18: Provides for city officers.

Section 19: Provides for the general powers and duties of the city council.

Section 20: Provides for the general powers and duties of the mayor.

Section 21: Provides for the election of mayor and of a mayor pro-tem by council members.

Section 22: Provides for committees and commissions.

Section 23: Provides meeting requirements of the city council.

Section 24: Provides city council procedure, discipline, and quorum.

Section 25: Provides city council rules and order of business and requirements for a city journal, and minutes of meetings.

Section 26: Provides requirements for required councilmen vote.

Section 27: Provides for compensation of councilmen, the mayor, and the mayor pro-tem.

Section 28: Provides for removal of councilmen or mayor for specified reasons.

Section 29: Provides for removal of councilmen or mayor upon majority vote of the council.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

Section 30: Provides for the election of the city council.

Section 31: Provides for requirements for candidates.

Section 32: Provides procedures for names to be placed on the ballot for a regular election.

Section 33: Provides for absentee voting and the use of voting machines.

Section 34: Provides for qualifications of electors and prescribing method and manner of elections.

Section 35: Provides for elections, authorizes the council to judge qualifications, and provides rules of procedure.

Section 36: Provides procedures for filling vacancies.

Section 37: Provides for conduct of candidates for elective office.

Section 38: Provides for interim government in the absence of a serving city council.

Section 39: Provides for recall elections.

Section 40: Provides for sufficiency of petitions and amendments.

Section 41: Provides for calling of election.

Section 42: Provides for election.

Section 43: Provides for ballots.

Section 44: Provides for filling of vacancies.

Section 45: Provides for candidates in recall election.

Section 46: Provides for effect of resignation.

Section 47: Provides for preservation of records in supplement to general law.

Section 48: Provides for offenses relating to petitions.

ARTICLE V. ORDINANCES

Section 49: Provides for validation of previous acts of the city council.

Section 50: Provides for power to pass, enforce, and penalize for violation of ordinances.

Section 51: Provides for form of ordinances, including requirements for enacting clauses, and emergency measures.

Section 52: Provides for effective dates of ordinances.

Section 53: Provides for recording of ordinances.

Section 54: Provides for initiative and referendum.

Section 55: Provide for codification of ordinances.

ARTICLE VI. CITY CLERK

Section 56: Provides for the office, power and duties of the city clerk.

ARTICLE VII. MUNICIPAL COURT

Section 57: Provides for municipal court.

Section 58: Provides for the seal of the municipal court.

Section 59: Provides procedure in municipal court.

Section 60: Provides for powers of the municipal court.

Section 61: Provides for the clerk and deputy clerk of the municipal court.

Section 62: Provides for the duties of the clerk of the municipal court.

Section 63: Provides for the powers of the clerk of the municipal court.

Section 64: Provides for the certification of court records.

Section 65: Provides for the chief of police.

Section 66: Provides for the authority of a judge to issue search warrants.

Section 67: Provides for affidavits for search warrants.

Section 68: Provides for the issuance and execution of search warrants.

Section 69: Provides for the return of search warrants.

Section 70: Provides for the information required to be included on search warrants.

Section 71: Provides for appeals.

Section 72: Provides for Police department.

Section 73: Provides for Chief of police.

Section 74: Provides for Municipal deputies.

Section 75: Provides for City attorney.

ARTICLE VIII. HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE

Section 76: Provides for public health officer.

Section 77: Provides for regulation of food and all other commodities.

Section 78: Provides for fire prevention.

Section 79: Provides for establishment of quarantine and health regulations and a city health officer.

Section 80: Relates to the segregation of the races.

Section 81: Relates to the refusal of service for certain persons.

Section 82: Relates to the posting of notices regarding the refusal of service.

ARTICLE IX. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Section 83: Provides for annual estimates and expenditures.

Section 84: Provides for budget.

Section 85: Provides requirements for city deposits and expenditures.

Section 86: Provides for the assessment of property for taxation.

Section 87: Provides for the assessment of taxable property.

Section 88: Provides for assessment of property of public service corporations.

Section 89: Provides for omitted lands.

Section 90: Provides for the equalization of assessments by the city council.

Section 91: Provides for notice to owners regarding increases or corrections.

Section 92: Provides for the rate of taxation.

Section 93: Provides for the assessment roll and form of warrants.

Section 94: Provides for the collection of taxes.

Section 95: Provides for taxes on property constituting a lien of such property.

Section 96: Provides for collection of personal property taxes.

Section 97: Provides for collection of delinquent taxes.

Section 100: Provides for the report of tax sales and the issuance of tax deeds.

Section 101: Provides for the city purchase of property at tax sales.

Section 102: Provides for title of lands purchased by the city at any tax sale.

Section 103: Provides for the validity of assessments.

Section 104: Provides for the maximum tax levy on property.

ARTICLE XI. LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS; SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; BONDS

Section 105: Provides definition for improvements and authorization for special assessments.

Section 106: Provides for resolution of necessity and requirements for notice and meeting.

Section 107: Provides for assessment of property benefited.

Section 108: Provides for payments from city funds.

Section 109: Provides for assessment book for local improvement and requirements for notice.

Section 110: Provides for assessment of railroads.

Section 111. Provides for equalization of assessments, procedures for hearing, and authority to levy liens.

Section 112: Provides for recording of assessments.

Section 113: Provides for limitation on time for objection to assessment.

Section 114: Provides for payment of assessments and authorizes installment payments.

Section 115: Provides for applications for payment by installments, recording of assessments, and levying of liens.

Section 116: Provides for the charging of interest on assessments and installments of assessments.

Section 117: Provides for enforcement of liens.

Section 118: Provides for procedures regarding invalid assessments.

Section 119: Prohibits irregularities from affecting assessments.

Section 120: Provides for work contracts and notice requirements.

Section 121: Provides for bonds and requirements for issuance of bonds.

Section 122: Provides for bond maturity and installment payments.

Section 123: Provides for bond issuance for city's share of improvement debt, payment schedule, and tax.

Section 124: Provides for bond denominations and form.

Section 125: Provides for levy and collection of taxes for bonds.

Section 126: Provides for sale and negotiability of bonds.

Section 127: Provides reservation of bond authority under general law.

ARTICLE XII. BONDS OR CERTIFICATES NOT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 128: Provides for bond or certificate authorization, validation, issuance, sale for municipal purposes; the adoption of state law; and designates legal municipal purposes.

Section 129: Declares authorized improvements as public municipal functions and provides for eminent domain.

Section 130: Provides procedure of issuing bonds or certificates not secured by ad valorem taxation.

Section 131: Provides for security for payment of bonds or certificates not secured by ad valorem taxation.

Section 132: Provides declaration for not general obligations.

Section 133: Provides pledge for bonds.

Section 134: Provides additional powers and duties of city.

Section 135: Provides for construction of chapter provisions.

Section 136: Provides for debt limit.

Section 137: Provides for application of general law.

ARTICLE XIII. SUBDIVIDING AND ZONING OF LANDS

Section 138: Provides for subdivision of land.

Section 139: Provides for appointment of planning and zoning commission.

Section 140: Provides for changes and amendments.

Section 141: Provides for adoption of regulation governing planning and zoning commission..

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill amends the City of Lake Butler charter, as follows:

- Replaces the city council with a city commission and revises the terminology to conform;
- Deletes certain obsolete language;
- Conforms certain terminology;
- Revises certain language relating to certain city authority;
- Authorizes certain interlocal agreements;
- Revises the powers and duties of the city commission;
- Revises the powers and duties of the mayor;
- Revises provisions relating to qualifications of candidates for the office of city commissioners;
- Revises provisions relating to ordinances;
- Repeals certain sections which have been superseded by general law;
- Repeals certain sections which are superseded by state and federal constitutions.

C. LAWS OF FLORIDA/FLORIDA STATUTES AFFECTED:

Chapter 63-1499, Laws of Florida, as amended.

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

3. Personal Responsibility:

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

N/A

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

- 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 ANALYSIS:

Section 1: Makes changes to the City of Lake Butler's charter, as follows:

ARTICLE I. INCORPORATION

Section 2: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 3: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 5: Removes obsolete language relating to annexation.

ARTICLE II. JURISDICTION, POWERS AND IMMUNITIES

Section 8: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 11: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Deletes obsolete language. Provides reference to city ordinances.

Section 12: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Provides for gender neutral language.

Section 13: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Provides for gender neutral language.

ARTICLE III. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Section 17: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Authorizes the commission to suspend or discharge officers or employees of the city. Deletes obsolete language.

Section 18: Creates position of city manager. Authorizes city commission to elect to provide certain necessary services through interlocal agreements with other local governments or through contract with private entities, if in the best interest of the city. Authorizes the mayor to appoint a member of the city commission or a committee of the city commission to review and coordinate with the city manager certain activities. Renames the mayor pro-tem to vice mayor. Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Deletes certain obsolete language.

Section 19: Authorizes the commission to appoint all city officers, including, but not limited to the city manager, city clerk, and city attorney. Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 20: Deletes obsolete language.

Section 21: Revises terminology to conform to city commission and vice mayor. Provides for gender neutral language.

Section 22: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 23: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 24: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 25: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Provides for gender neutral language.

Section 26: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 27: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 28: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 29: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

Section 30: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Provides that the commission must appoint the election registration officer of the City of Lake Butler at least 30 days prior to any city election. The city commission may elect to contract elections supervision to the county elections supervisor when deemed to be in the best interest of the city.

Section 31: Requires candidates to be a resident of the city for at least 6 months prior to becoming a candidate for election to the office of commissioner. Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Revises terminology to election registration officer. Requires candidates to comply with current state election laws. Establishes the qualifying period for candidates for city commission must consist of a 5-day period, Monday through Friday, as designated by the city commission and must not occur less than 60 days prior to the scheduled election. Requires the filing of necessary documents for qualifying as a candidate must occur on these days during established hours at the office of the election registration officer. Deletes obsolete language.

Section 32: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 34: Provides for qualifications of electors and prescribing method and manner of elections.

Section 35: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 36: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 37: Provides for gender neutral language.

Section 38: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

ARTICLE V. ORDINANCES

Section 49: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 50: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Deletes obsolete language.

Section 51: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Prohibits ordinances to be enacted until all current statutory public notice requirements have been met.

Section 53: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 54: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 55: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

ARTICLE VI. CITY CLERK

Section 56: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Provides that the city clerk must be appointed by the commission and serves under the direction and supervision of and at the pleasure of the commission. Provides for gender neutral language.

ARTICLE VII. MUNICIPAL COURT

Section 72: Deletes obsolete language. Provides for law enforcement activities to be determined by ordinance of the city commission.

Section 75: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Provides for gender neutral language.

ARTICLE VIII. HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE

Section 79: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

ARTICLE IX. BUDGE AND FINANCE

Section 85: Deletes obsolete language. Requires, deposits and expenditures of the city to be handled, as follows:

- Requires the funds of the city to be controlled, handled, and dispersed as determined by ordinance, general law, and accepted finance and accounting practices.
- Requires that city funds drawn from any depository utilized by the city must be by warrant or check issued by the city in accord with the provisions of this charter and any ordinance regulating the collection and disbursement of city funds adopted by the city commission.
- Requires each instrument to bear two authorizing signatures: that of the mayor, or in the absence of the mayor, the vice mayor; and that of the city clerk or the clerk's designee as approved by the city commission.
- Requires the city clerk to provide a monthly report summarizing a listing of all checks or warrants issued for the month, including, but not limited to, the payee, date issued, amount of the check or warrant, and the budgetary line-item code where the funds were charged.

ARTICLE XI. LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS; SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; BONDS

Section 105: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 106: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 107: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 108: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 109: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Provides for gender neutral language.

Section 110: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 111: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 112: Provides for gender neutral language.

Section 114: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Provides for gender neutral language.

Section 116: Clarifies interest on assessments and installments of assessments must be charged an interest rate established by the city commission. Deletes charge of one percent per month interest rate on assessments.

Section 117: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 118: Revises terminology to conform to city commission. Provides for gender neutral language.

Section 119: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 121: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 123: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 124: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 125: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 127: Corrects citation to general law.

ARTICLE XII. BONDS OR CERTIFICATES NOT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 128: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 129: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 130: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 135: Corrects citation to city charter. Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 137: Corrects citation to general law.

ARTICLE XIII. SUBDIVIDING AND ZONING OF LANDS

Section 138: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 139: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 141: Revises terminology to conform to city commission.

Section 2: Repeals the following sections of chapter 63-1499, Laws of Florida, as follows:

Section 16 - Repeals notice requirement of intention to sue. This section has been superseded by s. 768.28, F.S.

Section 39 - Repeals requirements for recall election. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 40 - Repeals requirements for sufficiency of petitions and amendments. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 41 - Repeals requirements for calling elections. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 42 - Repeals requirements for elections. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 43 - Repeals requirements for ballots. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 44 - Repeals requirements for filling vacancies. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 45 - Repeals requirements for candidates in recall elections. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 46 - Repeals requirements regarding the effect of resignation. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 47 - Repeals requirements for preservation of records and supplemental provisions to general law. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 48 - Repeals requirements for offenses relating to petitions. This section has been superseded by the uniform procedures for the recall of municipal officers in s. 100.361, F.S.

Section 57 - Repeals requirements for the creation and jurisdiction of the municipal court. This section has been superseded by the provisions of the revised Art. V of the State Constitution, adopted on March 14, 1972.

Section 58 - Repeals the seal of the municipal court. This section has been superseded by the provisions of the revised Art. V of the State Constitution, adopted on March 14, 1972.

Section 59 - Repeals the provision of municipal court procedure. This section has been superseded by the provisions of the revised Art. V of the State Constitution, adopted on March 14, 1972.

Section 60 - Repeals the powers of the municipal court. This section has been superseded by the provisions of the revised Art. V of the State Constitution, adopted on March 14, 1972.

Section 61 - Repeals the clerk and deputy clerk of the municipal court. This section has been superseded by the provisions of the revised Art. V of the State Constitution, adopted on March 14, 1972.

Section 62 - Repeals the duties of the clerk of the municipal court. This section has been superseded by the provisions of the revised Art. V of the State Constitution, adopted on March 14, 1972.

Section 63 - Repeals the powers of the clerk of the municipal court. This section has been superseded by the provisions of the revised Art. V of the State Constitution, adopted on March 14, 1972.

Section 64 - Repeals the requirements relating to the certification of court records. This section has been superseded by the provisions of the revised Art. V of the State Constitution, adopted on March 14, 1972.

Section 65 - Repeals requirements related to the chief of police.

Section 66 - Repeals requirements related to the authority of a judge to issue search warrants.

Section 67 - Repeals requirements relating to affidavits for search warrants.

Section 68 - Repeals requirements relating to the issuance and execution of search warrants.

Section 69 - Repeals requirements relating to the return of search warrants.

Section 70 - Repeals requirements relating to information required to be included on search warrants.

Section 71 - Repeals requirements relating to appeals from municipal court.

Section 73 - Repeals office of Chief of police.

Section 74 - Repeals municipal deputies. This section has been repealed as municipal courts were abolished by Art. V, section 20, Fla. Const. (1968). The powers of police officers are contained in chs. 901 and 943, F.S.

Section 77 - Repeals requirements for the regulation of food and all other commodities. This section has been superseded by ch. 381, F.S.

Section 80 - Repeals provisions relating to the segregation of races. This section has been superseded by state and federal constitutions.

Section 81 - Repeals provisions relating to refusal of service to certain persons. This section has been superseded by state and federal constitutions.

Section 82 - Repeals requirements relating to posting of notices regarding refusal of service. This section has been superseded by state and federal constitutions.

Section 83 - Repeals requirements for annual estimates. This section has been superseded by s. 200.065, F.S.

Section 84 - Repeals requirements for the budget. This section has been superseded by s. 200.065, F.S.

Section 86 - Repeals requirements relating to the assessment of property for taxation.

Section 87 - Repeals requirements relating to the assessment of taxable property.

Section 88 - Repeals requirements relating to the assessment of property of public service corporations.

Section 89 - Repeals requirement relating to omitted lands.

Section 90 - Repeals requirements relating to equalization of assessments by the city council.

Section 91 - Repeals requirements relating to owners regarding increases or corrections.

Section 92 - Repeals requirements relating to the rate of taxation.

Section 93 - Repeals requirements relating to the easement roll and the form of warrants.

Section 94 - Repeals requirements relating to the collection of taxes.

Section 95 - Repeals requirements relating to taxes on property constituting a lien on such property.

Section 96 - Repeals requirements relating to the collection of personal property taxes.

Section 97 - Repeals requirements relating to the collection of delinquent taxes.

Section 98 - Repeals requirements relating to the installment payments of taxes and assessments.

Section 99 - Repeals requirements relating to the sale of property for delinquent taxes.

Section 100 - Repeals requirements relating to the report of tax sales and the issuance of tax deeds.

Section 101 - Repeals requirements relating to city purchase of property at tax sales.

Section 102 - Repeals requirements relating to the title of lands purchased by the city at any tax sale.

Section 103 - Repeals requirements relating to the validity of assessments.

Section 104 - Repeals requirements relating to the maximum tax levy on property.

Section 140 - Repeals requirements for changes and amendments. This section has been superseded by s. 163.3161, F.S.

Section 3: Provides that this act becomes effective upon becoming a law.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? January 28, 1999

WHERE? **Union County Times**, Stark, Bradford County, Florida

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

The sponsor will offer the following technical amendments to the bill:

Amendment #1 - Title amendment: Corrects scrivener's error in the title of the bill.

Amendment #2 - Technical amendment: Corrects scrivener's error in section 5 of the Charter referencing methods of annexation contained in subsection (1).

Amendment #3 - Technical amendment: Corrects spelling error in section 85 of the Charter.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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