

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** H 371 w/CS City of Jacksonville/Civil Service  
**SPONSOR(S):** D. Davis  
**TIED BILLS:** **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

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<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>ANALYST</b>	<b>STAFF DIRECTOR</b>
1) <u>Local Affairs (Sub)</u>	<u>9 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Nelson</u>	<u>Highsmith-Smith</u>
2) <u>Local Government &amp; Veterans' Affairs</u>	<u>16 Y, 0 N w/CS</u>	<u>Nelson</u>	<u>Highsmith-Smith</u>
3) <u>State Administration</u>	<u>4 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Brazzell</u>	<u>Everhart</u>
4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

This bill amends the Charter of the City of Jacksonville to exempt additional positions from the civil service system of the Consolidated Government.

According to the Economic Impact Statement, this bill has no fiscal impact on state or local governments.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. DOES THE BILL:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Reduce government?                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes?                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom?        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families?                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill amends s. 17.06 of the Charter of the City of Jacksonville, as created by Chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, and exempts additional positions from the civil service system of the Consolidated Government.

##### Background

The civil service provisions of the Charter of the City of Jacksonville Consolidated Government apply to all employees who are not specifically exempted. The City is in the process of consolidating its housing programs within a newly-created Housing Community Development Commission and Housing Community Development Finance Authority. The City intends to appoint employees to these agencies, while ensuring that present employees retain the right to their civil service positions. The City and the Property Appraiser also wish to codify the status of appointed employees in that office and to confirm the status of employees who have elected to retain their civil service rights.

##### Current Law

The 1992 Legislature enacted Chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, which readopted the entire Charter of the City of Jacksonville, as amended locally and by special acts. The Charter subsequently has been amended by the Legislature each year from 1993 to 2001.

Pursuant to House Rule 5.5(a), if the Committee on Local Government & Veterans' Affairs determines that the substance of a local bill may be enacted into law by ordinance of a local governing body, the committee shall not report the bill. However, if a local governing body would be required to call a referendum to enact the substance of a local bill into law, the committee may report the local bill. Section 18.05 of the City of Jacksonville Charter provides that when an amendment to the charter has been properly proposed, a public referendum must be held. Thus, this bill is not subject to House Rule 5.5 (a).

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amends s. 17.06 of the Charter of the City of Jacksonville, as created by Chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended, exempting from the civil service system certain persons employed by the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC), the Housing and Community Development Finance Commission (HCDFC), and the Office of the Property Appraiser.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

### II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? January 28, 2003

WHERE? *Financial News and Daily Record*, a newspaper of general circulation in Duval County.

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

### III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES: Not applicable.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY: Not applicable.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS: None.

### IV. AMENDMENT/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

The Local Government & Veterans' Affairs Committee adopted an amendment at its meeting on March 27, 2003, which resolved a technical drafting issue. The bill was reported favorably with a committee substitute.