

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 0827 Pensacola-Escambia Govt. Center Auth
SPONSOR(S): Murzin
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Local Affairs (Sub)</u>	<u>8 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Nelson</u>	<u>Highsmith-Smith</u>
2) <u>Local Government & Veterans' Affairs</u>	_____	_____	_____
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill abolishes the Pensacola-Escambia Governmental Center Authority.

The Economic Impact Statement provides that abolishment of the Authority will eliminate the cost of its administration.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input 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 repeals Chapter 2001-328, Laws of Florida, and thereby abolishes the Pensacola-Escambia Governmental Center Authority, and transfers the title to all its assets and liabilities to the City of Pensacola and Escambia County.

Background

The Pensacola-Escambia Governmental Center Authority is an agency of the City of Pensacola and the Escambia County pursuant to Chapter 2001-328, Laws of Florida. It is a dependent special district which was created to acquire, construct, improve, operate, maintain and manage a governmental center complex for the use and occupancy by the City of Pensacola, Escambia County, their agencies and departments, and other governmental agencies and departments.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Repeals Chapter 2001-328, Laws of Florida

Section 2: Provides an effective date of January 2, 2004.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? January 15, 2003

WHERE? *Pensacola News Journal*, a newspaper of general circulation in Escambia 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: Not applicable.

The Sponsor states that the Authority has paid off its bonds, and that this bill is an effort to reduce government by eliminating the authority.

IV. AMENDMENT/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.