

By Senator Dockery

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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the City of Lakeland, Polk  
3           County; amending the amended Charter of the  
4           City of Lakeland, 1976; revising limitations on  
5           length of service of the Mayor and City  
6           Commissioners; providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Section 11 of the amended Charter of the  
11 City of Lakeland, 1976, is amended to read:

12           Section 11. Qualification of members.

13           Members of the city commission shall have been  
14 residents of the city for one year, and have the  
15 qualifications of electors of the city. No one shall serve, or  
16 but for resignation would have served, more than twelve (12)  
17 consecutive years, or three (3) complete terms, whichever is  
18 longer, in the singular position of Mayor or Commissioner or  
19 more than sixteen (16) consecutive years, or four (4) complete  
20 terms, whichever is longer, in any combination of the  
21 positions of Mayor and Commissioner. The foregoing limitations  
22 shall not apply to any years or terms served prior to January  
23 1, 1999, or to partial terms served thereafter, or to any  
24 years or terms served beyond the foregoing limitations as a  
25 result of election as a write-in candidate. Elective officers  
26 of the city shall not hold any other elective public office,  
27 shall not serve as employees of the City of Lakeland during  
28 their terms of office and shall not be interested in the  
29 profits or emoluments of any contract, work, or service for  
30 the city, and any such contract in which any officer or  
31 employee is, or may become interested, shall be void, and so

1 declared by the city commission. Any member ceasing to possess  
2 the qualifications for office herein required shall forfeit  
3 his office.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
5 law.

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