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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the City of Jacksonville, Duval County;
3 amending chapter 97-339, Laws of Florida, as amended;
4 defining terms; restructuring the Jacksonville Economic
5 Development Commission by increasing the number of members
6 of the commission; revising membership qualification
7 requirements; removing provisions relating to staggering
8 of terms; revising provisions pertaining to ex officio and
9 technical support advisors; removing provisions relating
10 to duties of the executive director and to a prior
11 transfer of certain functions and personnel; authorizing
12 the chair of the commission to appoint special or standing
13 committees for certain purposes; providing duties of the
14 chair of the commission; providing for appointment of
15 committee members and terms thereof; creating a downtown
16 committee; providing duties and responsibilities of the
17 downtown committee; repealing Article 20 of chapter 92-
18 341, Laws of Florida, as amended, relating to the
19 Jacksonville Downtown Development Authority; providing an
20 effective date.

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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24 Section 1. Sections 24.02, 24.03, 24.04, 24.05, 24.06, and
25 24.08 of Article 24 of chapter 97-339, Laws of Florida, as
26 amended by chapter 99-443, Laws of Florida, are amended, and
27 section 24.13 of that article is created, to read:

28 ARTICLE 24.

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29 THE JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 30 Section 24.02. Definitions.--As used in this article:
 31 (1) "Commission" means the Jacksonville Economic
 32 Development Commission.
 33 (2) "City" and "City of Jacksonville" mean the City of
 34 Jacksonville created pursuant to s. 9 of Art. VIII of the 1885
 35 Constitution of the State of Florida.
 36 (3) "Council" means the council of the City of
 37 Jacksonville.
 38 (4) "Downtown committee" means the permanent committee
 39 within the commission assigned to focus on the revitalization
 40 and redevelopment of the Jacksonville Downtown Area.
 41 (5) "Jacksonville Downtown Area" means the Downtown
 42 Overlay Zone area, as defined in the Jacksonville Zoning Code,
 43 as it may be amended from time to time.
 44 (6)-(4) "Mayor" means the mayor of the City of
 45 Jacksonville.
 46 (7)-(5) "Executive Director" means the executive director
 47 of the commission.
 48 (8)-(6) "Code" means the Ordinance Code of the City of
 49 Jacksonville.
 50 Section 24.03. Commission membership.--The membership of
 51 the commission is established at nine ~~seven~~ members, ~~consisting~~
 52 ~~of the chairman of the Downtown Development Authority and six~~
 53 ~~members,~~ who shall be residents of the City of Jacksonville and
 54 who shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the
 55 Council. The mayor shall appoint a chairman who shall serve
 56 until such time as another chairman may be appointed by the

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57 | mayor. At least three members of the commission shall reside,
58 | work, or own property in the Jacksonville Downtown Area. Each
59 | member of the commission shall serve a term of two years or
60 | until a successor is appointed. ~~Apart from the chairman of the~~
61 | ~~Downtown Development Authority, of the members first appointed,~~
62 | ~~three members shall serve terms of 1 year each, and the~~
63 | ~~remaining three members shall serve terms of 2 years each.~~
64 | ~~Thereafter all members appointed to the commission shall serve~~
65 | ~~terms of 2 years.~~ No member appointed to the commission for
66 | three consecutive full terms shall be eligible for appointment
67 | to a next succeeding term. The members shall serve as
68 | commissioners of the community redevelopment agency under part
69 | III, chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and they shall also serve as
70 | members of the industrial development authority under part III,
71 | chapter 159, Florida Statutes. All business of the commission
72 | shall be conducted at meetings wherein at least four members of
73 | the commission are present and voting.

74 | Section 24.04. Individual Ex Officio Advisors to the
75 | commission.--The following individual ex officio advisors are
76 | named to assist the commission in an advisory or fact-finding
77 | role as may be requested individually or collectively of them by
78 | the commission so as to effectuate the centralized economic
79 | development goals of the commission. No ex officio advisor shall
80 | serve simultaneously as both an ex officio advisor and as an
81 | appointed member of the commission. These individual ex officio
82 | advisors shall be:

83 | (1) The president of the Council of the City of
84 | Jacksonville or his or her designee.

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85 (2) The Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the
86 JEA Jacksonville Electric Authority.

87 (3) The Managing Director of the Jacksonville
88 Transportation Authority.

89 (4) The President/Chief Executive Officer of the
90 Jacksonville Port Authority.

91 (5) The President/Chief Executive Officer of the
92 Jacksonville Aviation Authority ~~Chairman of the Sports and~~
93 ~~Entertainment Board~~.

94 ~~(6) The Chairman of the Cecil Field Development~~
95 ~~Commission~~.

96 ~~(7) The Chairman of the Jacksonville International Airport~~
97 ~~Community Redevelopment Authority~~.

98 ~~(6)~~~~(8)~~ The Executive Director of the Jacksonville Housing
99 Commission ~~Duval County Housing Finance Authority~~.

100 ~~(7)~~~~(9)~~ The Chairman of the Duval County State Legislative
101 Delegation or his or her designee, who shall be a member of the
102 delegation.

103 ~~(8)~~~~(10)~~ The Chairman of the NAACP or his or her designee.

104 ~~(9)~~~~(11)~~ The Chairman of the Urban League or his or her
105 designee.

106 Section 24.05. Technical support advisors to the
107 commission.--The following individual technical support advisors
108 are named to assist the commission in such technical support
109 roles as may be requested individually or collectively of them
110 by the commission so as to effectuate the centralized economic
111 development goals of the commission. These individual technical

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112 support advisors shall be the directors or the board members, as
 113 appropriate, of the following entities:

114 (1) The Planning and Development Department of the city.

115 (2) The Jacksonville Film Commission.

116 (3) Sister cities.

117 (4) International Relations and Marketing Development
 118 Commission.

119 (5) Jacksonville Sports and Entertainment Board ~~Research~~
 120 ~~and Development Authority~~.

121 (6) Jacksonville Enterprise Zone Development Agency.

122 (7) Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund
 123 Advisory Committee.

124 (8) Overall Economic Development Plan Committee.

125 (9) Jacksonville Economic Development Company.

126 (10) Enterprise North Florida Corporation.

127 (11) City departments as appropriate.

128 (12) Jacksonville International Airport Community
 129 Redevelopment Area Board ~~Small Business Advisory Committee~~.

130 (13) Tourist Development Council.

131 (14) Convention and Visitor Bureau.

132 (15) The Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools.

133 (16) The President of the University of North Florida.

134 (17) The President of Florida Community College,
 135 Jacksonville.

136 Section 24.06. Executive Director.--The chief operating
 137 officer of the commission shall be its executive director, who
 138 shall be appointed by the mayor after consultation with the
 139 commission. The executive director shall be responsible for

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140 managing the affairs of the commission subject to its
141 supervision and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The
142 executive director shall also serve as an administrative aide to
143 the mayor and ~~in that capacity shall serve as the mayor's~~
144 ~~liaison to the Downtown Development Authority and shall attend~~
145 ~~all meetings of that authority.~~ The executive director will
146 employ the personnel to administer and operate the commission in
147 accordance with applicable law, available appropriations and
148 employee authorizations. The executive director shall have such
149 other duties and responsibilities as required by the commission.
150 The executive director's salary shall be set by the mayor after
151 consultation with the commission.

152 Section 24.08. Transfer of functions and personnel.--On
153 July 1, 1997, the powers, duties, functions, liabilities,
154 property and personnel of certain entities shall be transferred
155 to and become the responsibility of the Jacksonville Economic
156 Development Commission, ~~as it is intended that these entities~~
157 ~~become advisory bodies to the commission which shall succeed to~~
158 ~~their former duties, responsibilities and functions.~~ Any
159 ordinance or law, the provisions of which conflict with the
160 transfer authorized and mandated in this act are repealed to the
161 extent of such conflict. Those entities whose powers, duties,
162 functions, liabilities, property and personnel shall be
163 transferred to the commission are:

164 (1) The Jacksonville Downtown Development Authority, ~~7~~
165 ~~except for its advisory and fact finding responsibilities.~~

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166 (2) The Jacksonville Sports Development Authority created
 167 under chapter 89-509, Laws of Florida, ~~except for its advisory~~
 168 ~~and fact-finding responsibilities.~~

169 (3) The Economic Development Division of the Planning and
 170 Development Department as set forth in the Jacksonville City
 171 Code, including, but not limited to, chapter 30, part 7,
 172 including all boards and commissions concerned with economic
 173 development which are staffed by the division.

174 (4) Any existing authority, functions or personnel held by
 175 the Jacksonville International Airport Community Redevelopment
 176 Authority. ~~Upon completion of this transition, the Jacksonville~~
 177 ~~International Airport Community Redevelopment Authority shall~~
 178 ~~continue to function in the nature of an advisory and fact-~~
 179 ~~finding body to the commission concerning the area formerly~~
 180 ~~under its jurisdiction.~~

181 (5) Any existing authority, functions or personnel held by
 182 the Cecil Field Development Commission, including any personnel
 183 under the authority of the mayor who are similarly assigned.
 184 ~~Upon completion of this transition, the Cecil Field Development~~
 185 ~~Commission shall continue to function in the nature of an~~
 186 ~~advisory and fact-finding body to the commission concerning the~~
 187 ~~area formerly under its jurisdiction.~~

188 (6) On July 1, 1997, all of the employees of the
 189 organizations listed above, both appointed and within the
 190 classified civil service of the city, shall be transferred to
 191 the commission and shall become appointed employees of the
 192 commission. These employees shall not retain any civil service
 193 status that they may have had prior to becoming an employee of

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194 the commission unless any civil service employee who is to be
195 transferred elects to retain his or her civil service status and
196 in such case he or she shall serve as an employee of the
197 commission with no loss in civil service status or benefits that
198 he or she may have accrued prior to transfer.

199 Section 24.13. Committees.--

200 (1) The chair of the commission may appoint special or
201 standing committees to advise the commission on policy or
202 strategic planning matters. The chair of the commission shall
203 appoint a chair of each committee, and each committee chair
204 shall be a member of the commission. The chair of the commission
205 shall appoint all special or standing committee members upon
206 recommendation from the chair of each committee. Such advisory
207 committee members may consist of commission members or
208 noncommission members. All committee members shall serve at the
209 will of the chair of the commission for terms not to exceed 4
210 years as specified by the chair.

211 (2) Central to the mission of the commission is the
212 revitalization and development of a healthy and vibrant
213 Jacksonville Downtown Area. There is hereby created the downtown
214 committee of the commission, which shall be a permanent
215 committee of the commission. The downtown committee shall
216 function as an advisory body to the commission to undertake
217 fact-finding on downtown issues and provide advice to the
218 commission on issues of importance to the Jacksonville Downtown
219 Area. The downtown committee shall have and perform such other
220 duties and responsibilities as the commission may assign to it
221 from time to time. The commission shall be responsible for and

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222 shall provide to the downtown committee all resources necessary
223 for the committee to effectively achieve its duties and
224 responsibilities. Such resources shall include staff assigned to
225 work on downtown redevelopment matters by the executive director
226 of the commission. The chair of the commission shall appoint a
227 chair of the downtown committee, and such committee chair shall
228 be a commission member who resides, works, or owns property in
229 the Jacksonville Downtown Area.

230 Section 2. Article 20 of chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida,
231 as amended by chapter 97-339, Laws of Florida, is repealed.

232 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.