

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1201

Building Designations

SPONSOR(S): Gibson

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 2566

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on K-12</u>	<u>6 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Barnhill</u>	<u>Ahearn</u>
2) <u>Schools & Learning Council</u>	<u></u>	<u>Barnhill</u>	<u>Cobb</u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill designates the Department of Education office at 921 N. Davis Street in Jacksonville as the "Mary L. Singleton Education Office." The Department of Education is directed to erect suitable markers to designate the building as such.

Current law does not permit a state building, road, bridge, park, recreation complex, or similar facility to be named after a living person (unless specifically provided by law). Ms. Singleton passed away in 1980.

Ms. Singleton served the City of Jacksonville and the State of Florida as an elected official. She was a member of the City Council from 1967-1972. In 1972, Ms. Singleton was elected to the House of Representatives. She was appointed Director of Florida's Division of Elections in 1976. She was appointed Director of the Department of Banking and Finance's Division of Administration in 1979.

Throughout her career as a public servant, Ms. Singleton has brought greater attention to and championed the needs of children through better childcare services and increased funding for early childhood education services.

The bill has an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Education; however, the cost of erecting suitable markers will not be significant.

Two amendments were adopted by the Committee on K-12 on March 13, 2007, both designating additional buildings. Please see AMENDMENTS SECTION, section IV.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

Section 267.062, F.S., requires that no state building be named for any living person, unless specifically provided by law.

Mary L. Singleton

A native Floridian, Ms. Mary L. Singleton was born and raised in Jacksonville. She graduated from Boylan-Haven Industrial Training School in 1943. After her high school graduation, Ms. Singleton went to Hampton Institute in Virginia, majoring in horticulture. She left Hampton Institute and later graduated from Florida A & M University where she received her B.S. in 1949. She returned to Jacksonville and taught at Matthew W. Gilbert Junior-Senior High School. She married Isadore Singleton in 1955.

Ms. Singleton was appointed to the Local Government Study Commission of Duval County by Governor Farris Bryant in 1965. She was elected to serve on the city council of Jacksonville in 1967 and was one of the first two women elected to the Jacksonville City Council. Singleton then was elected to the House of Representatives in 1972. She remained in office until 1976 when she was appointed Director of Florida's Division of Elections, making her the highest ranking African American in the executive branch of state government. She resigned and was then appointed Director of the Department of Banking and Finance's Division of Administration in 1979, where she worked until her death in 1980.

Throughout her career as a public servant, Ms. Singleton has brought greater attention to and championed the needs of children through better childcare services and increased funding for early childhood education services.

Effects of Proposed Changes

This bill provides that the Department of Education office at 921 N. Davis Street in Jacksonville is designated as the "Mary L. Singleton Education Office." The bill requires the Department of Education to erect suitable markers designating the building as such.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

- Section 1: Designating the Department of Education office in Jacksonville as the "Mary L. Singleton Education Office"
Section 2: Providing an effective date of July 1, 2007.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

The bill has an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Education; however, the cost of erecting suitable markers will not be significant.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local government expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not require a city or county to expend funds or to take any action requiring the expenditure of funds.

The bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

This bill does not reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 13, 2007, the Committee on K-12 adopted two amendments:

- The first amendment, by Representative Richardson, provides an additional building designation to the bill. The amendment designates the Florida State Hospital Administration Building in Chattahoochee as the "William DeWitt Rogers Administration Building".
- The second amendment, by Representative Coley, provides an additional building designation to the bill. The amendment designates the Florida Center for Nursing in Orlando as the "Florida Barbara B. Lumpkin Center for Nursing".