

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 1603 City of Pensacola
SPONSOR(S): Government Efficiency & Accountability Council, Ford and others
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Urban & Local Affairs</u>	<u>7 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Fudge</u>	<u>Kruse</u>
2) <u>Government Efficiency & Accountability Council</u>	<u>10 Y, 0 N, As CS</u>	<u>Fudge</u>	<u>Cooper</u>
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4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The City of Pensacola operates pursuant to a charter adopted in 1931. Certain provisions in the charter have become obsolete or are governed by other provisions of law. This bill repeals obsolete provisions of the City of Pensacola charter and related special acts.

This bill is effective upon becoming law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

This bill does not appear to implicate any of the House principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

The City of Pensacola operates pursuant to a charter adopted in 1931.¹ Certain provisions in the charter have become obsolete or are governed by other provisions of law. The City would like to have these provisions removed to clean up its charter and bring it up to date.

Effect of Proposed Changes

This bill abolishes the city charter and related special act provisions relating to:

- acceptance of gifts²
- extraterritorial industrial plant projects³
- work periods for firefighters⁴ and police officers⁵
- transportation for hire⁶
- gas and petroleum tax⁷
- honorary mayor⁸
- annexed districts⁹
- transportation regulation¹⁰
- employee group insurance¹¹

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Repeals obsolete special acts related to the City of Pensacola charter.

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 7, 2007

WHERE? In the *Pensacola News Journal*, a daily newspaper published in Escambia County.

¹ See ch. 15425, L.O.F.

² See ch. 24802, s. 6, L.O.F. This is now governed by ch. 112, F.S., and the City's code of ethics.

³ See ch. 18779, ss. 1, 2, L.O.F.

⁴ See ch. 31159, ss. 1, 2, L.O.F.; ch. 73-592, ss. 1,2, L.O.F. This is governed by the collective bargaining agreement.

⁵ See ch. 24802, s. 1, L.O.F. This is governed by the collective bargaining agreement.

⁶ See ch. 71-845, s. 1, L.O.F.

⁷ See ch. 26462, s. 1, L.O.F.

⁸ See ch. 57-1717, ss. 1, 2, L.O.F.

⁹ See ch. 57-1721, s. 1, L.O.F.

¹⁰ See ch. 24806, s. 1, L.O.F.

¹¹ See ch. 73-590, ss. 1, 2, L.O.F.

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:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

No statement submitted.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 28, 2007, the Government Efficiency & Accountability Council reported HB 1603 favorably with a council substitute to incorporate the amendment adopted by the Committee on Urban & Local Affairs.