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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
RULES, ETHICS, & ELECTIONS
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 671 (PCB REE 01-08)
RELATING TO: Florida Statutes/Reviser's Bill
SPONSOR(S): Rules, Ethics, & Elections & Rep. Goodlette
TIED BILL(S): None

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:
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I. SUMMARY:

The Division of Statutory Revision of the Office of Legislative Services is required, by statute, to conduct a systematic and continuing study of the Florida Statutes. The purpose of this study is to recommend to the Legislature changes that will remove inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition from the statutes; improve clarity and facilitate correct interpretation; correct grammatical and typographical errors; and delete obsolete, repealed, or superseded provisions. These recommendations are submitted to the Legislature in the form of technical, nonsubstantive reviser's bills. Responses to directives from the Legislature to make specific changes in the statutes, such as renaming a department, are also submitted to the Legislature via reviser's bills.

The Division of Statutory Revision was directed by the Legislature, in s. 1, ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, to remove gender-specific references applicable to human beings from the Florida Statutes through reviser's bills to be submitted by January 1, 1997. This reviser's bill would remove gender-specific references that have been added subsequently. Except by report of the Committee on Rules, Ethics, & Elections, a reviser's bill cannot be amended except to delete a bill section.

This bill has no fiscal impact.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | 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. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Legislature, in s. 1, ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, directed the Division to submit, by January 1, 1997, reviser's bills to remove gender-specific references applicable to human beings from the Florida Statutes. These bills became law as chs. 95-147, 95-148, 97-96, 97-102, and 97-103, Laws of Florida. Chapter 99-7, Laws of Florida, a reviser's bill, removed gender-specific references added since 1997. Chapter 2000-159, Laws of Florida, a reviser's bill, removed gender-specific references added since 1999. Additional gender-specific references have been added to the statutes since the enactment of ch. 2000-159.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill revises Florida Statutes text to conform to the directive in ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, to remove gender-specific references to human beings in the Florida Statutes added since the enactment of ch. 2000-159, Laws of Florida.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

See bill for details.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

N/A

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

N/A

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

N/A

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

N/A

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

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VII. SIGNATURES:

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