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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & VETERANS AFFAIRS
ANALYSIS – LOCAL LEGISLATION**

BILL #: HB 941

RELATING TO: Jacksonville/Civil Service Status

SPONSOR(S): Representative Jordan and others

TIED BILL(S): None

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT & VETERANS AFFAIRS (SGC) YEAS 8 NAYS 0
 - (2) STATE ADMINISTRATION (SGC)
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill amends the charter of the City of Jacksonville to clarify existing civil service exemptions and to exempt additional positions from the civil service system of the Duval County/City of Jacksonville consolidated government. This bill also removes a limitation providing the consolidated government may not employ part-time and temporary workers for longer than 6 months without extension by the chief of personnel.

No fiscal impacts are anticipated according to the Economic Impact Statement (EIS).

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:

N/A

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

The civil service provisions of the charter of the City of Jacksonville consolidated government apply to all employees of the consolidated government that are not specifically exempted. The City of Jacksonville is required to petition the Legislature for a special act each time the City seeks to amend its charter.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill amends the subsections (d), (f), (g), (y), and (z) of section 17.06 of the charter of the City of Jacksonville, as created by chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended. This bill clarifies existing civil service exemptions and exempts additional positions from the civil service system of the Duval County/City of Jacksonville consolidated government. This bill also removes a limitation providing the consolidated government may not employ part-time and temporary workers for longer than 6 months without extension by the chief of personnel.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1: Amends section 17.06 of chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, the charter of the City of Jacksonville; provides and clarifies that the chief of staff, regional superintendents, associate and assistant superintendents, chief information officer, administrative assistants to the superintendent, directors, supervisors and coordinators, specialists in administrative or educational services, and secretary to superintendent are exempt from the provisions of the civil service system; removes a limitation providing the consolidated government may not employ part-time and temporary workers for longer than 6 months without extension by the chief of personnel; replaces the civil service exemption for the executive director of the community relations commission with a civil service exemption for the executive director of the commission on Human Rights and the director of equal opportunity/equal access; clarifies that civil service exemptions apply to all executive assistants of library services.

Section 2: Provides and effective date of upon becoming a law.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

November 7, 2000

WHERE?

Financial News & Daily Record, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida

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

IV. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

In a letter dated April 17, 2001 to Representative Sorensen, chair of the Committee on Local Government & Veterans Affairs, John Delaney, mayor of the City of Jacksonville, wrote, "I am writing in support of HB 941, a local bill providing the City of Jacksonville flexibility to meet its human resource needs. This bill has the unanimous support of the Jacksonville City Council and the Duval County Local Legislative Delegation. By creating additional appointed positions within the City and School Board, HB 941 will ensure that the City is able to fill critical positions so that we can give the best service to our customers. Your favorable consideration of this local bill is greatly appreciated."

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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