

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 825 Lakeland/Mayor & City Commissioners
SPONSOR(S): Representative Ross
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1858

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Local Government & Veterans' Affairs</u>	<u></u>	<u>Morris</u>	<u>Cutchins</u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill amends the Charter of the City of Lakeland, 1976, revising the limitations on the length of service for the positions of Mayor and City Commissioner.

According to the economic impact statement, this bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact.

This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives.

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | 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. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill amends the Charter of the City of Lakeland, 1976, revising the limitations on the length of service for the positions of Mayor and City Commissioner.

Currently, s. 11 of the City of Lakeland's Charter allows for a mayor or county commissioner to serve no more than 12 years in one position, and no more than 16 years in the combination of positions of mayor and commissioner. The bill adds, "or three complete terms, whichever is longer," to the 12 year maximum length of service for any singular position and, "four complete terms, or whichever is longer," for the combination of both positions.

If a city commissioner or mayor serves an incomplete term, he or she will qualify to serve in three more complete election terms, which may surpass a 12 year period. Furthermore, if a person who serves as city commissioner or mayor serves an incomplete term in one of those positions, he or she will qualify to serve an additional four terms among the two positions, which surpasses the current 16 year maximum period.

An exemption is provided for any years or terms served prior to January 1, 1999, or to any partial terms served thereafter, or to any years or terms served as a result of election as a write-in candidate.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 amends s. 11 of the Charter of the City of Lakeland, 1976, revising the limitations on the length of service for the positions of Mayor and City Commissioner. Provides an exemption.

Section 2 provides that the bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, WHEN?

December 29, 2003.

WHERE?

The Ledger in Lakeland, Polk 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 ☐

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

IV. AMENDMENT/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES