

House Bill No. 825

An act relating to the City of Lakeland, Polk County; amending the amended Charter of the City of Lakeland, 1976; revising limitations on length of service of the Mayor and City Commissioners; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 11 of the amended Charter of the City of Lakeland, 1976, is amended to read:

Section 11. Qualification of members.

Members of the city commission shall have been residents of the city for one year, and have the qualifications of electors of the city. No one shall serve, or but for resignation would have served, more than twelve (12) consecutive years, or three (3) complete terms, whichever is longer, in the singular position of Mayor or Commissioner or more than sixteen (16) consecutive years, or four (4) complete terms, whichever is longer, in any combination of the positions of Mayor and Commissioner. The foregoing limitations shall not apply to any years or terms served prior to January 1, 1999, or to partial terms served thereafter, or to any years or terms served beyond the foregoing limitations as a result of election as a write-in candidate. Elective officers of the city shall not hold any other elective public office, shall not serve as employees of the City of Lakeland during their terms of office and; shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, work, or service for the city, and any such contract in which any officer or employee is, or may become interested, shall be void, and so declared by the city commission. Any member ceasing to possess the qualifications for office herein required shall forfeit his office.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2004.

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