

House Bill No. 847

An act relating to the City of Jacksonville, Duval County; amending chapter 97-339, Laws of Florida, as amended; defining terms; restructuring the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission by increasing the number of members of the commission; revising membership qualification requirements; removing provisions relating to staggering of terms; revising provisions pertaining to ex officio and technical support advisors; removing provisions relating to duties of the executive director and to a prior transfer of certain functions and personnel; authorizing the chair of the commission to appoint special or standing committees for certain purposes; providing duties of the chair of the commission; providing for appointment of committee members and terms thereof; creating a downtown committee; providing duties and responsibilities of the downtown committee; repealing Article 20 of chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended, relating to the Jacksonville Downtown Development Authority; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Sections 24.02, 24.03, 24.04, 24.05, 24.06, and 24.08 of Article 24 of chapter 97-339, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 99-443, Laws of Florida, are amended, and section 24.13 of that article is created, to read:

ARTICLE 24.

THE JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Section 24.02. Definitions.—As used in this article:

(1) “Commission” means the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission.

(2) “City” and “City of Jacksonville” mean the City of Jacksonville created pursuant to s. 9 of Art. VIII of the 1885 Constitution of the State of Florida.

(3) “Council” means the council of the City of Jacksonville.

(4) “Downtown committee” means the permanent committee within the commission assigned to focus on the revitalization and redevelopment of the Jacksonville Downtown Area.

(5) “Jacksonville Downtown Area” means the Downtown Overlay Zone area, as defined in the Jacksonville Zoning Code, as it may be amended from time to time.

~~(6)~~(4) “Mayor” means the mayor of the City of Jacksonville.

~~(7)~~(5) “Executive Director” means the executive director of the commission.

~~(8)~~(6) “Code” means the Ordinance Code of the City of Jacksonville.

Section 24.03. Commission membership.—The membership of the commission is established at nine ~~seven~~ members, ~~consisting of the chairman of the Downtown Development Authority and six members,~~ who shall be residents of the City of Jacksonville and who shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Council. The mayor shall appoint a chairman who shall serve until such time as another chairman may be appointed by the mayor. At least three members of the commission shall reside, work, or own property in the Jacksonville Downtown Area. Each member of the commission shall serve a term of two years or until a successor is appointed. ~~Apart from the chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, of the members first appointed, three members shall serve terms of 1 year each, and the remaining three members shall serve terms of 2 years each. Thereafter all members appointed to the commission shall serve terms of 2 years.~~ No member appointed to the commission for three consecutive full terms shall be eligible for appointment to a next succeeding term. The members shall serve as commissioners of the community redevelopment agency under part III, chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and they shall also serve as members of the industrial development authority under part III, chapter 159, Florida Statutes. All business of the commission shall be conducted at meetings wherein at least four members of the commission are present and voting.

Section 24.04. Individual Ex Officio Advisors to the commission.—The following individual ex officio advisors are named to assist the commission in an advisory or fact-finding role as may be requested individually or collectively of them by the commission so as to effectuate the centralized economic development goals of the commission. No ex officio advisor shall serve simultaneously as both an ex officio advisor and as an appointed member of the commission. These individual ex officio advisors shall be:

(1) The president of the Council of the City of Jacksonville or his or her designee.

(2) The Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the JEA Jacksonville Electric Authority.

(3) The Managing Director of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority.

(4) The President/Chief Executive Officer of the Jacksonville Port Authority.

(5) The President/Chief Executive Officer of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority Chairman of the Sports and Entertainment Board.

~~(6) The Chairman of the Cecil Field Development Commission.~~

~~(7) The Chairman of the Jacksonville International Airport Community Redevelopment Authority.~~

~~(6)~~(8) The Executive Director of the Jacksonville Housing Commission Duval County Housing Finance Authority.

~~(7)~~⁽⁹⁾ The Chairman of the Duval County State Legislative Delegation or his or her designee, who shall be a member of the delegation.

~~(8)~~⁽¹⁰⁾ The Chairman of the NAACP or his or her designee.

~~(9)~~⁽¹¹⁾ The Chairman of the Urban League or his or her designee.

Section 24.05. Technical support advisors to the commission.—The following individual technical support advisors are named to assist the commission in such technical support roles as may be requested individually or collectively of them by the commission so as to effectuate the centralized economic development goals of the commission. These individual technical support advisors shall be the directors or the board members, as appropriate, of the following entities:

- (1) The Planning and Development Department of the city.
- (2) The Jacksonville Film Commission.
- (3) Sister cities.
- (4) International Relations and Marketing Development Commission.
- (5) ~~Jacksonville Sports and Entertainment Board Research and Development Authority.~~
- (6) Jacksonville Enterprise Zone Development Agency.
- (7) Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund Advisory Committee.
- (8) Overall Economic Development Plan Committee.
- (9) Jacksonville Economic Development Company.
- (10) Enterprise North Florida Corporation.
- (11) City departments as appropriate.
- (12) ~~Jacksonville International Airport Community Redevelopment Area Board Small Business Advisory Committee.~~
- (13) Tourist Development Council.
- (14) Convention and Visitor Bureau.
- (15) The Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools.
- (16) The President of the University of North Florida.
- (17) The President of Florida Community College, Jacksonville.

Section 24.06. Executive Director.—The chief operating officer of the commission shall be its executive director, who shall be appointed by the mayor after consultation with the commission. The executive director shall

be responsible for managing the affairs of the commission subject to its supervision and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The executive director shall also serve as an administrative aide to the mayor and ~~in that capacity shall serve as the mayor's liaison to the Downtown Development Authority and shall attend all meetings of that authority.~~ The executive director will employ the personnel to administer and operate the commission in accordance with applicable law, available appropriations and employee authorizations. The executive director shall have such other duties and responsibilities as required by the commission. The executive director's salary shall be set by the mayor after consultation with the commission.

Section 24.08. Transfer of functions and personnel.—On July 1, 1997, the powers, duties, functions, liabilities, property and personnel of certain entities shall be transferred to and become the responsibility of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission, ~~as it is intended that these entities become advisory bodies to the commission which shall succeed to their former duties, responsibilities and functions.~~ Any ordinance or law, the provisions of which conflict with the transfer authorized and mandated in this act are repealed to the extent of such conflict. Those entities whose powers, duties, functions, liabilities, property and personnel shall be transferred to the commission are:

(1) The Jacksonville Downtown Development Authority, ~~except for its advisory and fact-finding responsibilities.~~

(2) The Jacksonville Sports Development Authority created under chapter 89-509, Laws of Florida, ~~except for its advisory and fact-finding responsibilities.~~

(3) The Economic Development Division of the Planning and Development Department as set forth in the Jacksonville City Code, including, but not limited to, chapter 30, part 7, including all boards and commissions concerned with economic development which are staffed by the division.

(4) Any existing authority, functions or personnel held by the Jacksonville International Airport Community Redevelopment Authority. ~~Upon completion of this transition, the Jacksonville International Airport Community Redevelopment Authority shall continue to function in the nature of an advisory and fact-finding body to the commission concerning the area formerly under its jurisdiction.~~

(5) Any existing authority, functions or personnel held by the Cecil Field Development Commission, including any personnel under the authority of the mayor who are similarly assigned. ~~Upon completion of this transition, the Cecil Field Development Commission shall continue to function in the nature of an advisory and fact-finding body to the commission concerning the area formerly under its jurisdiction.~~

(6) On July 1, 1997, all of the employees of the organizations listed above, both appointed and within the classified civil service of the city, shall be transferred to the commission and shall become appointed employees of the commission. These employees shall not retain any civil service status that they may have had prior to becoming an employee of the commission unless

any civil service employee who is to be transferred elects to retain his or her civil service status and in such case he or she shall serve as an employee of the commission with no loss in civil service status or benefits that he or she may have accrued prior to transfer.

Section 24.13. Committees.—

(1) The chair of the commission may appoint special or standing committees to advise the commission on policy or strategic planning matters. The chair of the commission shall appoint a chair of each committee, and each committee chair shall be a member of the commission. The chair of the commission shall appoint all special or standing committee members upon recommendation from the chair of each committee. Such advisory committee members may consist of commission members or noncommission members. All committee members shall serve at the will of the chair of the commission for terms not to exceed 4 years as specified by the chair.

(2) Central to the mission of the commission is the revitalization and development of a healthy and vibrant Jacksonville Downtown Area. There is hereby created the downtown committee of the commission, which shall be a permanent committee of the commission. The downtown committee shall function as an advisory body to the commission to undertake fact-finding on downtown issues and provide advice to the commission on issues of importance to the Jacksonville Downtown Area. The downtown committee shall have and perform such other duties and responsibilities as the commission may assign to it from time to time. The commission shall be responsible for and shall provide to the downtown committee all resources necessary for the committee to effectively achieve its duties and responsibilities. Such resources shall include staff assigned to work on downtown redevelopment matters by the executive director of the commission. The chair of the commission shall appoint a chair of the downtown committee, and such committee chair shall be a commission member who resides, works, or owns property in the Jacksonville Downtown Area.

Section 2. Article 20 of chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 97-339, Laws of Florida, is repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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