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DATE: March 2, 2000

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
ANALYSIS - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

BILL #: HB 837

RELATING TO: Jacksonville Environmental Board

SPONSOR(S): Representative Tullis and others

TIED BILL(S): None

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

- (1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (PRC)
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill amends the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board Act, as amended, to provide that it will remain valid until October 1, 2011, at which time it is repealed.

This bill results in a 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:

Local ordinance provided for the creation of the Environmental Protection Board. The Florida Legislature granted special authority to the Board to impose civil penalties above the standard amount in 1989. Currently, this act, as amended, is set to expire on October 1, 2001.

The June 30, 1999 Annual Status Report provides that the mission of the Board is to "enhance the quality of life for Jacksonville's citizens through the protection of the natural environment." The Board accomplishes this through monitoring environmental regulations, promulgating local rules, and providing a public forum for environmental dialogue.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill amends the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board Act, Chapter 89-439, Laws of Florida, as amended by Chapter 91-362, Laws of Florida, to provide that it will remain valid until October 1, 2011, at which time it is repealed. This bill ensures the existence of the Board for an additional ten years.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1 -- Amends Chapter 89-439, L.O.F., as amended by Chapter 91-362, L.O.F., to revoke the act's termination date of October 1, 2001 and extend it to October 1, 2011, at which time it is repealed.

Section 2 -- Provides for an effective date of October 1, 2000.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? October 18, 1999

WHERE? Daily Record (Jacksonville)

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B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes [] No [x]

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached [x] No []

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached [x] No []

IV. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

This bill contains a fiscal impact, as it extends the existence of the act for an additional ten years. Although the nine board members, appointed by the Mayor and City Council, serve uncompensated, expenditures include support staff salaries, benefits, overhead, professional services, etc. It is anticipated that this act will result in a cost of \$210,000 for Fiscal Year 2001-2002. This is a decrease from the \$214,000 estimated cost for Fiscal Year 2000-2001, due to budget cuts.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None

VI. SIGNATURES:

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