

CHAPTER 94-422

Senate Bill No. 2942

An act relating to the Jacksonville Port Authority; amending s. 1 of chapter 63-1447, Laws of Florida, as amended, so as to clarify legislative intent that the Authority was and is created as a political subdivision of the State of Florida in the nature of a county and not a municipality; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA) was created by chapter 63-1447, Laws of Florida, to own and operate marine and airports in the City of Jacksonville, whose territorial limits encompass all of the area of the former Duval County, and

WHEREAS, the JPA has been granted broad powers to accomplish its port-related functions and accordingly, in order to exercise its powers, has been established as a body politic and corporate, and

WHEREAS, section 13 of chapter 63-1447, Laws of Florida, as amended, currently provides that the JPA and the purposes for which it is intended to serve are found to be for a county and public purpose, and

WHEREAS, the JPA membership consists of seven members, four of whom are appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, employees of the JPA are not within the civil service system of the City of Jacksonville, but rather are employees of the JPA and members of the Florida Retirement System, and

WHEREAS, the JPA believes that its best interests require a clarification be made within its charter that the JPA is intended to exist as a political subdivision of the state in the nature of a county and not in the nature of a municipality, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 63-1447, Laws of Florida, as amended, is amended to read:

Section 1. Creation.—There is hereby created and established a body politic and corporate to be known as the Jacksonville Port Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority), which Authority is created as an agency and political subdivision of the State of Florida in the nature of a county and not a municipality. This Authority is authorized to exercise its jurisdiction, powers, and duties within the territorial limits of the former Duval County, which territorial limits now exist within the City of Jacksonville.

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

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 6, 1994.

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