

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-160 - amended

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: January 28, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: January 30, 2020

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 602 – Ethics Code – to create a new Section 602.408 that would prohibit former appointed officials [insert “(defined by Sec. 602.201 in part as “any person appointed to any board, commission or authority”)] required to file Form 1 state financial disclosures from being employed by, lobbying or consulting for compensation with the board, commission, agency or council of which they were formerly a member for a period of 2 years after they vacate their former office. The bill lists the 12 boards and commissions covered by the lobbying/consulting prohibition.

Background Information: State law currently prohibits elected officials from lobbying (for compensation) the body of which they were a member for a period of 2 years after they leave that office. The law does not have a similar prohibition on lobbying for persons who were appointed rather than elected to boards and commissions. This bill would extend the [add “local”] lobbying prohibition to appointed as well as elected officials, and would add a prohibition against former board or commission members being employed by or hired by their former agency to perform lobbying or consulting services during the 2 year period.

The 12 covered boards/commissions include: Planning Commission; Building Codes Adjustment Board; COJ Retirement System Board of Trustees; Police and Fire Pension Fund Board of Trustees; DIA/Northbank CRA/ Southbank CRA; Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority; JEA board; Jacksonville Aviation Authority board; Jacksonville Transportation Authority board; Jacksonville Housing Authority board; Jacksonville Port Authority board; Jacksonville Ethics Commission.

Policy Impact Area: Ethics Code amendment

Fiscal Impact: No City impact anticipated

Analyst: Clements