

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2025-816

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Public Defender for the Fourth Judicial Circuit

**Date of Introduction:** October 28, 2025

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** October 28, 2025

**Type of Action:** Reappointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Public Defender for the Fourth Judicial Circuit's reappointment of William T. Maule, to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, for a second full term expiring December 31, 2028.

**Background Information:** The Jacksonville Ethics Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 602, Part 9, *Ordinance Code*, and empowered to review, interpret, render advisory opinions and enforce Chapter 602, *Ordinance Code*; and, in accordance with Section 1.202, *Municipal Charter*, to exercise the following powers and duties:

- Authorized to receive, and to investigate and issue findings with regard to complaints alleging an ethics violation
- Provide assistance and input into the management and coordination of the training and education of local officers and employees in state and local ethics, including the City's Ethics Education Program, as well as all public records and sunshine law training throughout the government
- May, upon employee or citizen complaint, or upon its own initiative, seek information and gather facts for the purpose of reviewing any circumstance or situation of which the Commission may become aware that appears to violate or may potentially violate an acceptable standard of ethics conduct for City officers and employees
- Jurisdiction to levy those civil fines or penalties authorized in Chapter 602 for violations of the City's ethics code
- Act as the hiring committee, subject to Council confirmation, for the executive director of the Ethics Oversight and Compliance office

Section 602.912, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Ethics Commission shall be composed of nine members, one of whom is to be appointed by the Public Defender for the Fourth Judicial Circuit and confirmed by council, in various categories including an attorney.

Mr. Maule is an attorney for the US Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Maule holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and a law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Mr. Maule resides in Duval County in council district 8.

**Attendance:** Mr. Maule attended 18 of 20 meetings (90%) in his first term.

**Policy Impact Area:** Ethics Commission operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey