

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2021-896

Sponsor: Council President Newby at the request of Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Date of Introduction: December 14, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 16, 2021

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Jacksonville Ethics Commission's reappointment of LaTonya Lipscomb Smith as a member of the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, for a second full term ending December 31, 2024.

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, *Jacksonville 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; and 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 three of the nine members of the commission shall be Duval County registered voters appointed by the commission and confirmed by Council.

Ms. Smith received a law degree from Florida A&M University College of Law. She is an Adjunct Professor at *Edward Waters College* and Owner of *Lipscomb Smith Law, PLLC*. Ms. Smith resides within Duval County.

Attendance: Ms. Smith has an attendance record of 100%, 22 of 22 meetings attended. (1/1/2019 to 12/31/2021)

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Distel