

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2022-806

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

Date of Introduction: October 25, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 25, 2022

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Fourth Judicial Circuit Public Defender's appointment of William T. Maule to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, replacing Mary Bland Love, for a first full three-year term to expire December 31, 2025.

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 the Public Defender for the Fourth Judicial Circuit shall appoint one member to the Commission.

Mr. Maule is an attorney for the US Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Maule has a law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Mr. Maule is a Duval County resident.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey