

ORIGINAL 1968 CITY CHARTER, REVISED TO  
RECOGNIZE BEACHES AND BALDWIN AS SEPARATE  
URBAN SERVICE DISTRICTS

LAWS OF FLORIDA CHAPTER 67-1535

Section 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval.

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CHAPTER 67-1535

Senate Bill No. 1635

AN ACT amending House Bill 3029, Laws of Florida, regular session 1967, entitled the charter of the city of Jacksonville, creating a single consolidated government in Duval County; providing that Article 2 of said charter be amended to provide for five separate urban services districts to be composed of the former corporate limits of the former municipalities of the consolidated government; providing that a new Article 2A be added to said charter to provide special provisions relating to the second, third, fourth and fifth urban services districts; prescribing for continuation of the boards, bodies and officers of such districts, and their powers and duties; providing names for such districts; providing for certain exceptions and amendments to the provisions of Articles 5, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, pertaining to said second, third, fourth and fifth urban services districts; providing for a referendum by special election for approval of this act in the municipalities of Jacksonville Beach, Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach and the town of Baldwin, by a majority of the aggregate total of all those qualified electors voting in all such municipalities; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. That House Bill 3029, Laws of Florida regular session 1967, entitled the charter of the city of Jacksonville, creating a single consolidated government in Duval County be and the same is hereby amended, as to the particular articles and sections of said charter enumerated and set forth herein, to read as follows:

(1) Article 2 is hereby amended to read in whole as follows:

“ARTICLE 2

“GENERAL AND URBAN SERVICES DISTRICTS

“Section 2.01. *Services Districts and Their Areas.* The territory of the consolidated government shall be divided into a general services district and five urban services districts. The general services district shall consist of the total area within the consolidated government, which is the total area of Duval County. The first urban services district shall initially consist of the area which immediately prior to the effective date of this charter was included in the corporate limits of the former city of Jacksonville. The second, third, fourth and fifth urban services districts shall initially consist of the areas which immediately prior to the effective date of this charter were included in the corporate limits of the city of Jacksonville Beach, the city of Atlantic Beach, the city of Neptune Beach and the town of Baldwin, respectively.

“Section 2.02 *Expansion of the First Urban Services District.* The area of the first urban services district may, from time to time, be expanded and its territorial limits extended by the Council whenever the Council determines that a particular area of the consolidated government outside the urban services districts needs urban services and the consolidated government is able to provide such services. No area may be designated as part of the first urban services district unless the consolidated government provides to such area all governmental services which the consolidated government is then providing within such first urban services district within a reasonable period of time, which shall not be longer than one year after the particular area is included in the first urban services district. The tax levy on property in areas hereafter becoming part of the first urban services district shall not include any item for the payment of general obligation bonds issued by the first urban services district prior to the date when the particular area became a part of the first urban services district.

Section 2.03. *Consolidation of Urban Services Districts.* The five initial urban services districts, or any of them, may

be consolidated into one or more other urban services districts by ordinance adopted by two-thirds of the members of the Council and approved by a majority of those voting by referendum in the urban services districts affected by such consolidation. If any of the initial urban services districts are consolidated, the tax levy on property formerly included in one of the urban services districts shall not include any item for the payment of general obligation bonds issued by the other former urban services districts.

"Section 2.04. *Services in the General Services District.* Throughout the entire general services district the consolidated government shall furnish the following governmental services: airports, agricultural agent, child care, courts, electricity, fire protection, health, hospitals, library, police protection, recreation and parks, schools, streets and highways, traffic engineering, and welfare services. The foregoing enumeration is intended as a list of those governmental services which shall be performed by the consolidated government within the general services district and is not intended to limit the rights of the consolidated government to perform other governmental services within the general services district.

"Section 2.05. *Additional Services in Urban Services Districts.* In addition to the services provided to the general services district, the consolidated government shall furnish the following additional services within the urban services districts: water supply, sanitary sewers, street lighting, street cleaning and garbage and refuse collection. The foregoing enumeration is intended as a list of those governmental services which shall be performed by the consolidated government within the urban services districts and is not intended to limit the rights of the consolidated government to perform other governmental services within the urban services districts.

"Section 2.06. *Homestead Law.* That part of the general services district not included on the effective date of this charter in the urban services districts shall be deemed to be a rural area and a homestead in such rural area shall not be limited as if in a city or town. Whenever any urban services district is altered, created or expanded pursuant to this

charter or legislative act, a homestead within such urban services district shall be limited as if in a city or town.

(2) A new Article 2A is hereby added to the charter and inserted between the end of Article 2 and the beginning of Article 3 of the charter, to read in whole as follows:

ARTICLE 2A  
SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE  
SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH  
URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT

Section 2A.01. *Statement of Intent.* Although the former governments of the cities of Jacksonville Beach, Atlantic Beach, and Neptune Beach, and the town of Baldwin have been consolidated into the consolidated government it is the intent and purpose of this charter to preserve for the people residing in the second, third, fourth and fifth urban services districts the same local governmental structure, boards, bodies, officers and laws which existed in those areas prior to the effective date of this charter.

Section 2A.02. *Boards, Bodies and Officers.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, the second, third, fourth and fifth urban services districts shall each have the same boards, bodies and officers as the former government which occupied the area of such urban services district immediately prior to the effective date of this charter. The persons who were officers and members of boards and bodies of former governments in the second, third, fourth and fifth urban services districts immediately prior to the effective date of this charter shall occupy the same positions in those urban services districts, and shall be entitled to the same compensation therefor. All such boards, bodies and officers of the second, third, fourth and fifth urban services districts shall continue to be elected at the times, in the manner, and for the terms which were provided under the respective municipal charters of the former governments in those urban services districts. All such boards, bodies and officers shall continue to have the same powers and duties which they had under the respective municipal charters of the former governments.