

**IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. S-29-98-072

IN RE: JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS Senate Bill 2586, 1998 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, which became law on May 24, 1998, revised the Hillsborough County Civil Service Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Civil Service Act") to exempt the judiciary from this act; and

WHEREAS this amendment to the Civil Service Act provides that the provisions of this act shall not apply to employees of the Administrative Office of the Courts (hereinafter "AOC") except for the right of certain employees to request a review hearing for disciplinary actions; and

WHEREAS this amendment to the Civil Service Act, in conjunction with sections 25.382, 110.205(2)(c), and 216.011(1)(r), Florida Statutes, will allow one set of personnel rules to apply to all employees of the AOC and ensure that all court staff are treated equally; it is therefore

ORDERED:

1. All employees of the AOC, whether funded by Hillsborough County or the State of Florida, are at-will employees and serve at the pleasure of the court.

2. All employees of the AOC will be governed by the regulations and policies contained in the AOC Employee Handbook and personnel rules and regulations manual. These handbooks and manuals shall be in compliance with the Personnel Regulations Manual of the Florida State Courts System. These handbooks and manuals may be revised as necessary.

3. The Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby authorized to receive and process all personnel actions, pay adjustments and time sheets directly from the AOC for all county-funded employees of the AOC. All county-funded employees of the AOC shall be treated

the same for purposes of benefits administration.

DONE AND ORDERED nunc pro tunc May 24, 1998, in Chambers in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida this 8th day of June, 1998.

 /s\ F. Dennis Alvarez
F. Dennis Alvarez, Chief Judge

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