

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-316

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boylan

Date of Introduction: May 25, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ

Date of Analysis: May 25, 2021

Type of Action: Council Rules amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends Council Rule 1.101 (Officers), Chapter 1 (Organization of the Council), *Council Rules*. With the amendment, the Council President and Vice President will be recognized, not elected, and will be At-Large Council Members. The CP and CVP terms will rotate annually; with the Group 1 At-Large Council Member assuming the first role of Council President and the Group 2 At-Large Council Member assuming the first role of the Council Vice President beginning July 1, 2027. The following July, the CVP will accede to the CP office and the CVP office will be filled by the next numerically successive At-Large Group Council Member. An exception is made for minimum experience, wherein the At-Large member must have least one year's experience as a Member of the City Council, otherwise the next qualified At-Large Council Member will serve as the Council President and the rotation will be adjusted accordingly.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to designate a different process for the designation of council leadership officers with the intent of avoiding disharmony and/or divisive factionalism among the body as whole. Because At-Large Council members are elected by all of the citizens of Jacksonville, the bill sponsor perceives that they ostensibly serve the interests of all the citizens, whereas district council members primarily serve constituents in their respective districts.

Policy Impact Area: Council leadership

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

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