

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Dennis, Morgan and Hazouri and Substituted by the Rules
3 Committee:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2019-595**

7 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S
8 OPPOSITION FOR LOCAL BILL J-1, TO BE
9 CONSIDERED BY THE DUVAL COUNTY LEGISLATIVE
10 DELEGATION, WHICH WOULD AMEND CHAPTER 92-341,
11 *LAWS OF FLORIDA*, AND SECTION 13.01, CHARTER OF
12 THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ESTABLISHING THAT
13 MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BE
14 APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
15 JACKSONVILLE; ADDITIONALLY EXPRESSING THE
16 COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION FOR THE PROPOSED
17 SUBSTITUTE TO LOCAL BILL J-1, TO BE CONSIDERED
18 BY THE DUVAL COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION,
19 WHICH WOULD PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION ON THE
20 BALLOT TO AMEND CHAPTER 92-341, LAWS OF
21 FLORIDA, AND SECTION 13.07, CHARTER OF THE
22 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTED
23 RATHER THAN APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF
24 SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS,
25 TO PROVIDE FOR A TWO-TERM LIMIT, AND TO
26 PROVIDE FOR HOLDOVER THE CURRENT
27 SUPERINTENDENT; DIRECTING THE COUNCIL
28 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO PROVIDE A
29 COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR OF
30 FLORIDA, PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE,
31 SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE AND MEMBERS OF

1 THE DUVAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; PROVIDING AN
2 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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4 **WHEREAS**, presently the seven members of the Duval County
5 School Board are elected by the voters of the City of Jacksonville
6 in accordance with Section 13.01 of the Jacksonville Charter; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Duval County School Board members are
8 constitutional officers of Duval County; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in an approval of Amendment 10 by 60%, the citizens
10 of Duval County expressed a desire to have constitutional officers
11 elected, albeit that the School Board was not specifically named in
12 that amendment; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the School Board has the power to establish a tax
14 rate through the millage rate and expend public funds through a
15 budgetary process, a budget which is currently \$1.8 billion of tax
16 payers' funds; and

17 **WHEREAS**, should the electorate believe that the Duval County
18 School Board should be an appointed board, then such measure should
19 be placed on the ballot for the Duval County voters to decide to
20 change the School Board members from elected to appointed and vote
21 to make such a change in the charter; now therefore

22 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

23 **Section 1. Opposing Local Bill J-1.** The Council hereby
24 expresses its opposition for Local Bill J-1, to be considered by
25 the Duval County Legislative Delegation, for the 2020 State
26 Legislative Session. Said Local Bill J-1 would amend Chapter 92-
27 341, *Laws of Florida*, and Section 13.01, Charter of the City of
28 Jacksonville, to provide that members of the Duval County School
29 Board be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville. A true
30 and correct copy of said Local Bill J-1 is attached hereto as
31 **Exhibit 1.**

1 **Section 2. Opposing the proposed substitute to Local Bill**

2 **J-1.** The Council hereby expresses its opposition for the proposed
3 substitute to Local Bill J-1, to be considered by the Duval County
4 Legislative Delegation, for the 2020 State Legislative Session.
5 Said proposed substitute to Local Bill J-1 would provide for a
6 referendum to amend Chapter 92-341, *Laws of Florida*, and Section
7 13.07, Charter of the City of Jacksonville, to provide for election
8 rather than appointment, of the superintendent of schools for the
9 City of Jacksonville. A true and correct copy of said proposed
10 substitute to Local Bill J-1 is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2.**

11 **Section 3. Direction to Circulate.** The City Council

12 Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to provide a copy
13 of this resolution to the Governor of Florida, President of the
14 Florida Senate, Speaker of the Florida House and members of the
15 Duval Legislative Delegation.

16 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become

17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman

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