

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Dennis, Morgan and Hazouri:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2019-595-D**

6 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION
7 FOR LOCAL BILL J-1, TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DUVAL
8 COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, WHICH WOULD AMEND
9 CHAPTER 92-341, *LAWS OF FLORIDA*, AND SECTION
10 13.01, CHARTER OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
11 ESTABLISHING THAT MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL COUNTY
12 SCHOOL BOARD BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE
13 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE; DIRECTING THE COUNCIL
14 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO PROVIDE A COPY
15 OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA,
16 PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, SPEAKER OF THE
17 FLORIDA HOUSE AND MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL
18 LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
19 DATE.

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

24 **WHEREAS**, the Duval County School Board members are constitutional
25 officers of Duval County; and

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

30 **WHEREAS**, the School Board has the power to establish a tax rate

1 through the millage rate and expend public funds through a budgetary
2 process, a budget which is currently \$1.8 billion of tax payers funds;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, should the electorate believe that the Duval County
5 School Board should be an appointed board, then such measure should be
6 placed on the ballot for the Duval County voters to decide to change
7 the School Board members from elected to appointed and vote to make
8 such a change in the charter; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1. Opposing Local Bill J-1.** The Council hereby
11 expresses its opposition for Local Bill J-1, to be considered by the
12 Duval County Legislative Delegation, for the 2020 State Legislative
13 Session. Said Local Bill J-1 would amend Chapter 92-341, *Laws of*
14 *Florida*, and Section 13.01, Charter of the City of Jacksonville, to
15 provide that members of the Duval County School board be appointed by
16 the mayor of the city of Jacksonville. A true and correct copy of said
17 Local Bill J-1 is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1.**

18 **Section 2. Direction to Circulate.** The City Council
19 Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to provide a copy of
20 this resolution to the Governor of Florida, President of the Florida
21 Senate, Speaker of the Florida House and members of the Duval
22 Legislative Delegation.

23 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

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27 Form Approved:

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29 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

30 Office of General Counsel

31 Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman

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