

1 The Rules Committee offers the following Substitute to File No.
2 2019-595:

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4 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:

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7 **RESOLUTION 2019-595**

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

1 SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE AND MEMBERS OF
2 THE DUVAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; PROVIDING AN
3 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 **Exhibit 1.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman

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