

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-286

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Supervisor of Elections

Date of Introduction: April 25, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 20, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Supervisor of Elections' appointment of Catherine L. Phillmon, as a member of the Duval County Election Advisory Panel, replacing Charles L. McWhite, for a first full term ending April 16, 2025.

Background Information: The Duval County Election Advisory Panel is established pursuant to Chapter 59, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations regarding the quality of voter registration and education efforts and ways to enhance the voter's election-day experience, including poll worker training, polling locations, ballot styles, and fraud prevention; evaluate and recommend improvements on the election effectiveness, including number of overvotes, undervotes and spoiled ballots, voter complaints, and voter turnout; review and comment on ballot styles, instructions and absentee ballot appearance; and make an annual report to Council on progress.

Section 59.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Duval County Election Advisory Panel shall be Duval County registered voters confirmed by the City Council and three of the nine members shall be designated by the Supervisor of Elections.

Ms. Phillmon has worked as the Community Employment Coordinator for the Department of Veterans Affairs since 2015. She holds a bachelor's degree and an MBA from Columbia Southern University. Ms. Phillmon is a member of the ACLU - NEFL Chapter and the League of Women Voters. She resides in Duval County in council district 6.

Policy Impact Area: Duval County Election Advisory Panel operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey