

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-930

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: November 26, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R, TEU

Date of Analysis: November 27, 2024

Type of Action: City Charter amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends City Charter Article 21 – JEA – in Section 21.03 - Composition; compensation; officers; meetings – to provide a limited exception to the City residency requirement for JEA board members to permit 1 member appointed by the Mayor and 1 member appointed by the Council President to be non-City residents if they either reside within the JEA service territory or maintain a substantial economic business interest within the JEA service territory as determined by the Council.

Background Information: The JEA article of the City Charter currently requires that all board members must be a resident and elector of the city for six months prior to their appointment and for the duration of their tenure on the board. The preamble to the bill states that, because of the importance of the JEA to the multiple counties it serves as the area’s primary electric, water and sewer service provider, the individuals appointed to the JEA Board need to bring appropriate knowledge, expertise and experience to the organization to ensure it operates to the highest standards and in the best interests of the communities it serves. Some of those highly qualified individuals may reside in or have substantial business interests in other counties served by the JEA systems and therefore have a vested interest in the operation of the utility that would qualify them to serve on the board.

Policy Impact Area: JEA operations

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements