

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2019-711-W**

5 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S
6 OPPOSITION FOR THE PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO
7 LOCAL BILL J-1, TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DUVAL
8 COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, WHICH WOULD
9 PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION ON THE BALLOT TO
10 AMEND CHAPTER 92-341, *LAWS OF FLORIDA*, AND
11 SECTION 13.07, CHARTER OF THE CITY OF
12 JACKSONVILLE, TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTED RATHER
13 THAN APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, TO
14 PROVIDE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, TO PROVIDE
15 FOR A TWO-TERM LIMIT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR
16 HOLDOVER THE CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT;
17 ENCOURAGING THE DUVAL DELEGATION, IF J-1 AS
18 SUBSTITUTED IS SUPPORTED BY THE DUVAL
19 DELEGATION, TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO J-1 TO
20 ELECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE
21 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES,
22 INCLUDING THE JHA, JAA, JEA, JPA, AND THE JTA,
23 AS WELL AS THE CEO OF THE KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE
24 AND THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY;
25 DIRECTING THE COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
26 DIVISION TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION
27 TO THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA, PRESIDENT OF THE
28 FLORIDA SENATE, SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE
29 AND MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL LEGISLATIVE
30 DELEGATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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2 **WHEREAS**, presently the Superintendent of the Duval County
3 Schools is designated in accordance with the Section 13.07 of the
4 Jacksonville Charter; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of schools shall be considered an
6 elected constitutional officer for purposes of section 8 of article
7 II of the State Constitution; and

8 **WHEREAS**, "Having a leader directly responsible to the
9 constituents they serve brings more accountability and it brings
10 more oversight, and I think that you get somebody who's responsive
11 to the needs of the community," Representative Fischer said in a
12 phone interview; and

13 **WHEREAS**, should the Duval Delegation approve a local bill to
14 allow the citizens to elect the Superintendent of the School Board,
15 then the citizens should be allowed to elect the Chief Executive
16 Officer of the Independent Agencies and authorities, including the
17 JAA, JEA, JHA, JPA, and the JTA, as well as the CEO of the Kids
18 Hope Alliance and the Downtown Investment Authority; now therefore

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

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

21 **J-1.** The Council hereby expresses its opposition for the proposed
22 substitute to Local Bill J-1, to be considered by the Duval County
23 Legislative Delegation, for the 2020 State Legislative Session.
24 Said proposed substitute to Local Bill J-1 would provide for a
25 referendum to amend Chapter 92-341, *Laws of Florida*, and Section
26 13.07, Charter of the City of Jacksonville, to provide for election
27 rather than appointment, of the superintendent of schools for the
28 City of Jacksonville, to provide for a term of four years, to
29 provide for a two-term limit, and to provide for holdover for the
30 current superintendent. A true and correct copy of said proposed
31 substitute to Local Bill J-1 is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1.**

1 **Section 2. Alternatively, if J-1 as substituted is**
2 **supported by the Duval Delegation, encouraging the Duval Delegation**
3 **to make an amendment to J-1 to elect the Chief Executive Officers**
4 **of the Independent Agencies and Authorities, including the JHA,**
5 **JAA, JEA, JPA, and the JTA, as well as the CEO of the Kids Hope**
6 **Alliance and the Downtown Investment Authority.**

7 Alternatively, if J-1 is supported, as substituted, approving
8 a referendum to allow the citizens to change the charter by
9 referendum for the purpose of electing the Duval County Public
10 School Superintendent, whose annual compensation and budget is
11 \$275,000 and \$1,716,307,403 respectively, then the City Council
12 supports local bill J-1 as substituted be amendment to include in
13 the referendum the election of the CEO of all Independent
14 Authorities, including the JHA (whose annual compensation and
15 budget is \$ \$144,900 and \$81,298,872 respectively), JAA (whose
16 annual compensation and budget is \$336,159 and \$116,287,402
17 respectively), JEA (whose annual compensation and budget is
18 \$620,039 and \$1,753,024,565 respectively), JPA (whose annual
19 compensation and budget is \$379,112 and \$72,485,678 respectively),
20 and the JTA (whose annual compensation and budget is \$401,562 and
21 \$142,060,790 respectively), as well as the CEO of the Kids Hope
22 Alliance (whose annual compensation and budget is \$110,000 and
23 \$43,205,886 respectively) and the Downtown Investment Authority
24 (whose annual compensation and budget is \$188,100 and \$20,669,027
25 respectively).

26 **Section 3. Direction to Circulate.** The City Council
27 Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to provide a copy
28 of this resolution to the Governor of Florida, President of the
29 Florida Senate, Speaker of the Florida House and members of the
30 Duval Legislative Delegation.

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

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

3 Form Approved:

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5 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

6 Office of General Counsel

7 Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman

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