

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31           **Section 2.           Alternatively, if J-1 as substituted is**

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

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

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

30 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become  
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

2 Form Approved:

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4 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

5 Office of General Counsel

6 Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman

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