

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2025-228

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

**Date of Introduction:** March 25, 2025

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** March 25, 2025

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Supervisor of Elections appointment of Justin Gicalone to the Duval County Election Advisory Panel, as a full-time employee of the Supervisor of Elections' Office, replacing Robert Phillips, for a term to expire at such time as the Supervisor of Elections shall designate a replacement panel member who is a full-time employee of the Supervisor of Elections' Office.

**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, one of whom shall be employed full-time at the Supervisor of Elections' office.

Mr. Gicalone serves as the Chief Election Assistant for the Supervisor of Elections office and has been designated by the Supervisor to serve on the Election Advisory Panel.

**Policy Impact Area:** Election Advisory Panel operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey