

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: 2019-380

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Duval County School Board

Date of Introduction: May 28, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: May 28, 2019

Type of Action: Ordinance calling a special election to hold a referendum

Bill Summary: This bill is an ordinance which calls for a special election to hold a referendum on November 5, 2019. The Duval County School Board has requested that the City Council call a referendum for approving the School Board's levy of a half-cent School Capital Outlay Sales Surtax. The Duval County School Board has adopted a resolution levying a half-cent School Capital Outlay Sales Surtax, subject to approval by the voters in a referendum, but only the City Council has the authority to place the referendum on the ballot.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to determine if voters approve of a 15-year half-cent sales surtax to: upgrade aging schools through repairs and modernization, to improve technology, and to replace existing or build new schools. If the surtax is approved by a majority vote of the electors of Duval County, it will take effect on January 1 of the year immediately following the referendum and will be monitored by an independent citizens committee.

Policy Impact Area: Duval County School Board

Fiscal Impact: Estimated cost of \$700,000 to \$1.4 million for election costs to be allocated from Duval County School Board budget

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