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**Council Member Garrett Dennis introduces legislation to change the
process for appointing JEA board members**

**** MEDIA RELEASE ****

Jacksonville City Council Member Garrett Dennis filed legislation to amend the JEA Charter to give the City Council a majority of the JEA board appointments. Currently the entire 7-member board is appointed by the Mayor with City Council confirming those appointments. Council Member Dennis' amendment provides that the City Council shall appoint 4 of the 7 members, and the Mayor shall appoint 3 members, who will continue to be confirmed by the City Council. The bill also provides that the board members appointed by the Mayor could be removed by the Mayor with City Council's approval; the members appointed by the City Council could be removed by the City Council. The amendment would also increase the city residency requirement for JEA board candidates from six months to reside in Duval County to three years to be considered for appointment to the board.

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