

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci & Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Member DeFoor and amended by the Finance Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2021-160-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A \$10,000 GRANT  
7 FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS  
8 (NCSC) TO THE DUVAL COUNTY COURT  
9 ADMINISTRATION FOR A PROOF OF CONCEPT PROJECT  
10 ON REMOTE JURY SELECTION; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE  
11 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
12 DATE.

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14 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

15 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year,  
16 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the  
17 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to  
18 the accounts listed in subsection (b):

19 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and  
20 incorporated herein by this reference):

21 (a) Appropriated from:

22 See **Exhibit 1** \$10,000

23 (b) Appropriated to:

24 See **Exhibit 1** \$10,000

25 (c) Explanation of appropriation:

26 The funding above is appropriating a grant from the  
27 National Center for State Courts to the Duval County  
28 Court Administration for a Proof of Concept project on  
29 remote jury selection.

30 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in

1 Section 1 is to appropriate a grant from the National Center for  
2 State Courts for a Proof of Concept project on remote jury  
3 selection. The NCSC selected the Duval County Court Administration,  
4 one of six courts, to conduct a pilot project to demonstrate the  
5 extent to which access to internet-enabled devices and unlimited  
6 data facilities the ability of prospective jurors to participate in  
7 jury selection through remote jury selection. The grant is so that  
8 the courts can purchase internet-enabled devices for use in the  
9 pilot program. The courts may exercise discretion as to the  
10 specific types of brands of devices or to offset expenses  
11 associated with conducting the pilot project, including but not  
12 limited, to devices to boost internet connectivity.

13 **Section 3. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage**  
14 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency  
15 passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the  
16 emergency is that the courts selected for the grant have a  
17 timetable to implement the program and there is a trial set for  
18 April that can be part of the pilot project and the courts need to  
19 be able to purchase the items needed before then.

20 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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