

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-160**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A \$10,000 GRANT FROM
6 THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS (NCSC) TO
7 THE DUVAL COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS FOR A PROOF OF
8 CONCEPT PROJECT ON REMOTE JURY SELECTION;
9 REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE;
10 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

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

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

- 19 (a) Appropriated from:
20 See **Exhibit 1** \$10,000
- 21 (b) Appropriated to:
22 See **Exhibit 1** \$10,000

23 (c) Explanation of appropriation:
24 The funding above is appropriating a grant from the
25 National Center for State Courts to the Duval County Clerk
26 of Courts for a Proof of Concept project on remote jury
27 selection.

28 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
29 Section 1 is to appropriate a grant from the National Center for
30 State Courts for a Proof of Concept project on remote jury selection.
31 The NCSC selected Duval County Clerk of Courts, one of six courts,

1 to conduct a pilot project to demonstrate the extent to which access
2 to internet-enabled devices and unlimited data facilities the ability
3 of prospective jurors to participate in jury selection through remote
4 jury selection. The grant is so that the courts can purchase internet-
5 enabled devices for use in the pilot program. The courts may exercise
6 discretion as to the specific types of brands of devices or to offset
7 expenses associated with conducting the pilot project, including but
8 not limited, to devices to boost internet connectivity.

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

16 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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