

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Member Morgan:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2018-383**

5 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ELECTION ADVISORY  
6 PANEL LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION; AMENDING  
7 CHAPTER 59 (DUVAL COUNTY ELECTION ADVISORY  
8 PANEL), *ORDINANCE CODE*; CLARIFYING THE INTENT  
9 OF THE COUNCIL; AMENDING AND ADDING DUTIES TO  
10 STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
11 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO INCREASE THE  
12 QUALITY OF CANDIDATE EDUCATION EFFORTS  
13 REGARDING ADHERENCE TO AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
14 FLORIDA ELECTION CODE APPLICABLE TO  
15 CANDIDATES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

19 **Section 1.** Amending **Chapter 59 (Duval County Election**  
20 **Advisory Panel)**. Chapter 59 (Duval County Election Advisory Panel)  
21 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 **CHAPTER 59. DUVAL COUNTY ELECTION ADVISORY PANEL**

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24 **Sec. 59.102 Intent of the Council.**

25 It is the intent of the Council in establishing the Panel to  
26 create a body to review the voter registration and the election  
27 process, procedures, and experiences in Duval County to advise the  
28 Supervisor of Elections in efforts to increase voter registration,  
29 enhance voter election experience and assist in candidate education  
30 to ensure a fair, impartial and effective election process.—Because  
31 ~~of the lessons learned from the November 2000 general election, the~~

1 ~~creation of the Panel will serve as an effort to ensure that the~~  
2 ~~entire voting experience, from voter registration through election~~  
3 ~~day, in all future elections in Duval County, will be conducted in~~  
4 ~~a manner so as to uphold and expand voter confidence in the~~  
5 ~~election system, create a more informed electorate, and increase~~  
6 ~~overall participation in the voting process.~~ In response to the  
7 2000 and 2004 general elections, the Florida Legislature rewrote  
8 Florida's elections laws to ensure a consistent and unified  
9 election system for use in Florida's 67 counties. This effort  
10 standardized many of the election processes each Supervisor of  
11 Elections is now required to follow. As such, the initial charge of  
12 the Panel is no longer applicable. However, the Council recognizes  
13 that it is still valuable to have a body of registered Duval County  
14 voters who can provide the Supervisor of Elections with insight and  
15 recommendations regarding the election process and election day  
16 experience.

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18 **Sec. 59.105 Duties.**

19 The purpose of the Panel is advisory only. In no way shall the  
20 Panel interfere with the performance of the duties of the  
21 Supervisor of Elections. The Panel is established for the following  
22 general purposes:

23 (a) To study and make recommendations to the Supervisor of  
24 Elections to increase the quality of voter registration and  
25 education efforts.

26 (b) To study and make recommendations to the Supervisor of  
27 Elections to enhance the voter's election-day experience,  
28 including poll worker training, ~~polling locations, ballot~~  
29 ~~styles, and fraud prevention.~~

30 (c) To study and make recommendations to the Supervisor of  
31 Elections to increase the quality of candidate and voter

1 education efforts regarding adherence to and compliance with  
2 the Florida Election Code applicable to candidates and  
3 voters.~~evaluate and recommend improvements on the election~~  
4 ~~effectiveness, including number of overvotes, undervotes and~~  
5 ~~spoiled ballots, voter complaints, and voter turnout.~~

6 (d) To review and comment on ballot ~~styles, instructions and~~  
7 ~~absentee ballot appearance.~~

8 (e) To make an annual report to Council on the progress of the  
9 Panel in the performance of its duties, including an  
10 incorporation of any statistics, charts, studies, reports, or  
11 other data and materials generated by or for the Panel.

12 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
13 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
14 without the Mayor's signature.

15 Form Approved:

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17 /s Jason R. Teal

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation prepared by: Jason R. Teal

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