ORDINANCE 94 - 35

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTIONS 28.241 AND 34.041, CREATING A SERVICE CHARGE ON CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS TO FUND THE LEGAL AID TRUST FUND; IMPOSING A SERVICE FEE ON ALL CASES FILED IN THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; ESTABLISHING A LEGAL AID TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF THE SERVICE CHARGE FUNDS TO THE LEGAL AID TRUST FUND; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, has been made aware that the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc., would like to expand its services to the citizens of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been made aware that additional funding is necessary; and

WHEREAS, such funding is authorized by <u>Florida Statutes</u>, Sections 28.241 and 34.041.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this <u>25th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 1994, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION I. SERVICE CHARGE IMPOSED

There is hereby imposed a service charge of five dollars (\$5.00) upon every Circuit and County Court proceeding filed in Nassau County for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. This service charge shall be known as the "Legal Aid Service Charge".

SECTION II. MANNER OF COLLECTION

The Legal Aid Service Charge shall be collected by the Clerk of Nassau County upon the filing of all proceedings in the Circuit

and County Courts of the Fourth Judicial Circuit within Nassau County, Florida.

SECTION III. PURPOSE OF SERVICE CHARGE

The service charge shall be used to pay for the expenditures incurred by the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc., for services rendered within Nassau County, Florida, as set forth in <u>Florida</u> Statutes, Sections 28.241 and 34.041.

SECTION IV. LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority contained in <u>Florida Statutes</u>, Sections 28.241 and 34.041.

SECTION V. LEGAL AID TRUST FUND

There is hereby created the Legal Aid Trust Fund, a permanent trust fund of Nassau County into which monies derived from the services charge imposed herein, shall be deposited. Such monies as they are deposited in the trust fund are hereby appropriated for the purpose of funding the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc., for services rendered within Nassau County, Florida. The Clerk of the Court is hereby authorized to make disbursements from this trust fund upon the written request of the Chief Judge or Court Administrator for the purposes of this Section. The trust fund shall be subject to review and audit.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its filing in the

Office of the Secretary of State.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

CRAWFORD Chairman

ATTEST:

GREESON Ex-Officio Clerk Its:

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

MICHAEL S. MULLIN

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