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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to jury system administration; amending s.  
3 40.001, F.S.; authorizing the chief judge to designate the  
4 court administrator to perform certain duties relating to  
5 jury system management and operation; amending s. 40.02,  
6 F.S.; revising authority of the chief judge to designate  
7 the court administrator to perform certain duties;  
8 providing an effective date.  
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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12 Section 1. Section 40.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
13 read:

14 40.001 Chief judge; authority; duties.—The chief judge of  
15 each judicial circuit is vested with overall authority and  
16 responsibility for the management, operation, and oversight of  
17 the jury system within his or her circuit. Notwithstanding  
18 ~~However, in accordance with~~ this chapter and chapter 905, the  
19 chief judge may designate the court administrator to perform  
20 specific duties relating to the management and operation of the  
21 jury system. If the chief judge does not make such designation,  
22 in accordance with this chapter and chapter 905, the clerk of  
23 the circuit court has specific responsibilities regarding the  
24 processing of jurors, including, but not limited to,  
25 qualifications, summons, selection lists, reporting, and  
26 compensation of jurors. The clerk of the circuit court may  
27 contract with the chief judge for the court's assistance in the  
28 provision of services to process jurors. The chief judge may

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29 | also designate to the clerk of the circuit court additional  
30 | duties consistent with established uniform standards of jury  
31 | management practices that the Supreme Court may adopt by rule or  
32 | issue through administrative order.

33 |       Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 40.02, Florida  
34 | Statutes, is amended to read:

35 |           40.02 Selection of jury lists.—

36 |       (3) The clerk of the court shall perform the duties set  
37 | forth in this section and in ss. 40.221, 40.23, and 40.231 in  
38 | counties having an approved, computerized jury selection system,  
39 | the provisions of any special law or general law of local  
40 | application to the contrary notwithstanding. However, the chief  
41 | judge may designate the court administrator to perform these  
42 | duties if ~~the county provides~~ funding is obtained by the chief  
43 | judge from any source ~~to the court administrator to provide the~~  
44 | ~~personnel and other costs associated with jury services.~~

45 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.