



Jackson County Missouri

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Legislation Text

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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature that the County award contracts for the removal and storage of the Andrew Jackson statues on the grounds of the Downtown and Historic Truman Courthouses, for the installation of a statue of Harry S. Truman at the Downtown Courthouse, and for site repairs of any damages occasioned by the removal and installation.

RESOLUTION NO. 21310, June 12, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, in view of developing discourse and changes in public sentiment across the nation regarding statuary of individuals that participated in genocidal campaigns and slavery, it is appropriate that the statues of Andrew Jackson at the Downtown and Historic Truman Courthouses be removed and stored while decisions concerning the statutes' ultimate location and fate are contemplated; and,

WHEREAS, it is the Legislature's intent that the Jackson statue at the Downtown Courthouse be replaced by an appropriate statue of Jackson County's own Harry S. Truman; and,

WHEREAS, in order to expedite the removal and storage of the existing statues and the fashioning and installation of the replacement statue, it is the intent of the Legislature that the County award contracts for these services, as well as for the repair of any damages to the Courthouses' grounds occasioned by the removal and installation; and,

WHEREAS, it is the Legislature's further intent that, in awarding such contracts, the County shall follow the competitive procedures set out in chapter 10 of the Jackson County Code and may only expend funds for such contracts as are budgeted in appropriate spending accounts or properly transferred under the provisions of chapter 5 of the code; and ,

WHEREAS, in acknowledgment of the previous vote on a similar matter by Jackson County voters in November of 2020, the County Legislature intends to recommend an ordinance to place this matter up for vote in the November 2024 election; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby express its intent that the County award contracts for the removal and storage of the statues of Andrew Jackson on the grounds of the Downtown and Historic Truman Courthouses, for the fashioning and installation of an appropriate statue of Harry S Truman on the grounds of the Downtown Courthouse, and for site repairs of any damages to the Courthouses' grounds occasioned by the removal and installation, on the terms set out in this Resolution.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chief Deputy County Counselor

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21310 of June 12, 2023, was duly passed on July 10, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 1

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature