



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On September 7, 2021, Mr. Mark Preston Jones, District Attorney of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, was indicted on two counts of Influencing Witnesses, one count of Attempted Subornation of Perjury, two counts of Violation of Oath By Public Officer, two counts of Bribery, and two counts of Attempted Violation of Oath by Public Officer; and

WHEREAS: The indictment was transmitted to the Governor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(b), and the certified copy was received on September 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS: The fourteen-day period following the receipt of the indictment as prescribed by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(e) has passed; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(b), since the Attorney General of Georgia brought the indictment against Mr. Jones, the Attorney General shall not serve on the commission, and a retired Supreme Court Justice or retired Court of Appeals Judge shall serve in place of the Attorney General.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the Honorable Harold Melton, retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia; the Honorable Joe Mulholland, District Attorney of the South Georgia Judicial Circuit; and the Honorable Samir Patel, District Attorney of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit, are hereby appointed as the review commission to determine whether the above-mentioned indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of the duties of district attorney by Mr. Jones such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby, and to make a written report to me within fourteen days with a recommendation as to whether Mr. Jones should be suspended from office as required by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(c).

This 22nd day of September, 2021.

GOVERNOR