



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: An Executive Order was issued on September 22, 2021, appointing members to the Review Commission to determine whether the indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of the office of District Attorney such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected; and

WHEREAS: The Review Commission found that the indictment of Mr. Mark Preston Jones does relate to and does adversely affect the administration of the office of District Attorney, and that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby; and recommended that Mr. Jones be suspended from office pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6.

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

ORDERED: That Mr. Mark Preston Jones is hereby suspended from office immediately and without further action pending the final disposition of the case or until the expiration of his term of office, whichever occurs first, as provided in 45-5-6(c).

This 4TH day of October, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hathaway".

GOVERNOR