



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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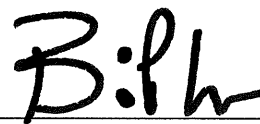
BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** On October 2, 2024, Michael Thurmond, the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections, and DeKalb County, Georgia filed a Verified Petition seeking declaratory and injunctive relief (the “Petition”) against the Georgia State Election Board in the Superior Court of DeKalb County, civil action file number 24CV9085; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Law declined representation of the Georgia State Election Board due to a conflict of interest; and
- WHEREAS:** The Petition seeks equitable relief against the Georgia State Election Board; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. William “Chip” Collins, Jr. of Burr & Forman LLP is an attorney duly admitted to the State Bar of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Collins has agreed to represent the Georgia State Election Board pursuant to Code Section 45-15-70 at a rate mutually agreed upon with the Office of the Governor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 45-15-70 AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

- ORDERED:** That Mr. William “Chip” Collins, Jr. of Burr & Forman LLP is hereby appointed as Special Counsel to assume control and responsibility for the representation of the Georgia State Election Board in all matters related to the Petition.

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.



GOVERNOR