

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12-186

WHEREAS, the Honorable LAWSON L. LAMAR, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that a election law complaint has been made against Chief Judge Belvin Perry; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable LAWSON L. LAMAR has also advised the Governor that his office has personal knowledge of the truth and veracity of the complainant and has prosecuted him for indirect criminal contempt in front of the complained against Judge Perry; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable LAWSON L. LAMAR, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the investigation and potential prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable BRAD KING discharge the duties of the Honorable LAWSON L. LAMAR, pursuant to Section 27.14, Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my solemn constitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed," and pursuant

to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Honorable BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable LAWSON L. LAMAR, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to the complaint made against Chief Judge Belvin Perry.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney or one or more Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators, who have been designated by the Assigned State Attorney, shall proceed immediately to the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3.

All residents of the Ninth Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, so that justice may be served.

Section 4.


The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including August 15, 2013.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before July 15, 2013, if additional time is required.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 15th day of August, 2012.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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