

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-11 (Special Election – House District 44)

WHEREAS, section 100.101(2), Florida Statutes, provides that a vacancy in the membership of the state House of Representatives shall be filled by special election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 114.01(1)(d), Florida Statutes, a vacancy now exists in the state House of Representatives due to the resignation of Representative Stephen L. Precourt, House District 44; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 100.141(1), Florida Statutes, the Governor shall, upon consultation with the Secretary of State, issue an order declaring the date the special election shall be held; and

WHEREAS, after consulting with the Secretary of State and the Orange County Supervisor of Elections, the dates selected for a special primary and special election will allow for coordination with already scheduled municipal elections in Orange County, thereby enhancing voter participation, increasing efficiency, and saving taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the dates selected will allow the residents of House District 44 to be represented during the upcoming 2014 Legislative Session while also providing optimal time for the proper administration of a special election, including the counting of overseas absentee ballots;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, as 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, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1.

A Special Election shall be held in House District 44 to fill the vacancy in the state House of Representatives.

Section 2.

A Special Primary Election shall be held on March 11, 2014.

Section 3.

A Special Election shall be held on April 8, 2014, to select the state representative for House District 44.

Section 4.

If, after the qualifying period ends, the Special Primary Election becomes legally unnecessary, the Special Election to select the state representative for House District 44 shall occur on March 11, 2014, and the Special Primary Election shall not be held. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Orange County Supervisor of Elections, shall determine if this section becomes applicable.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 10th day of January, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Rick Scott in black ink.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Ken Detzner in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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