

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-143

(Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, Richard Scott Batterson (Batterson) is presently serving as a member of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, 2014, the Grand Jury for Orange County indicted Batterson on one count of solicitation of bribery, as prohibited by sections 838.015, Florida Statutes, and two counts of solicitation of unlawful compensation for official behavior, as prohibited by sections 838.015, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, violations of section 838.015 and 838.016, constitute felonies and are offenses related to the duties of Batterson's public office; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 112.52(2), Florida Statutes, the Governor may suspend from office any appointed public official who is indicted for commission of any felony; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Orange County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Batterson be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT**, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section 112.52, Florida Statutes, find as follows:

A. Richard Scott Batterson is, and at all times material was, a member of Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.

B. A member of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to section 112.52, Florida Statutes.

C. The attached Indictment of the Orange County Grand Jury, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order, charges that Batterson committed felony offenses. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Indictment.

**BEING FULLY ADVISED** in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective today:

Section 1. Richard Scott Batterson is suspended from the public office, which he now holds, to wit: member of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.

Section 2. Richard Scott Batterson is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



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 24th day of April, 2014.

  
RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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