

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-116

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that William Richard Ezzell has filed a petition to seal a record; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida handled the original case, which Mr. Ezzell is now seeking to have sealed, under Executive Order 16-67; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE has also advised the Governor that the original conflict continues to exist as William Richard Ezzell was an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the petition to seal a record 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 interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable BRAD KING discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, 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 WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the petition to seal a record and all matters related to William Richard Ezzell.

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 Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3.

All residents of the Eighth 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 April 10, 2018.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before March 10, 2018, 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 10th day of April, 2017.

  
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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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