

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-218**

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 19-200 to the First Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning a court granted new trial for Jimmy L. Ates; and

WHEREAS, the Assigned State Attorney has advised the Governor that the duties required by the previous executive assignment have not yet been completed as the trial cannot currently be scheduled due to court closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic and appellate actions by the defense have precluded the trial level motion practice necessary to advance the case to trial from occurring since the Circuit Court has been without jurisdiction to resolve many matters for a length of time; and

WHEREAS, the Assigned State Attorney has further advised the Governor that an extension of this assignment is necessary in order to complete the assigned duties; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the assignment of the Assigned State Attorney be continued with respect to the above matters, pursuant to section 27.14, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, 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:

Section 1.

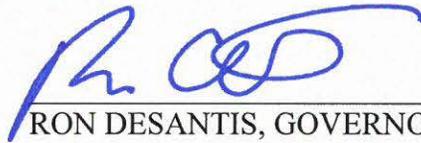
Executive Order 19-200 is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including September 16, 2021.

Section 2.

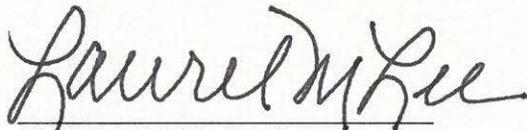
The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before August 16, 2021, if additional time is required.



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 4th day of September, 2020.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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