

Executive Order 2002-09

(March 14, 2002)

WHEREAS, Section 4-5-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws provides that ten percent of the registered voters in an area of one county petitioned and the petition has been presented to the Governor for changing the boundary line or lines between two counties, whereby a portion of the territory of one county would be annexed to another, the Governor shall within 30 days appoint a commission of four persons, two from the territory proposed to be annexed and two from the other territory of the county or counties from which such territory has theretofore been a part; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-5-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws provides that two of the persons, if such are to be found, shall be opponents and two advocates of the proposed change of line; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-5-120 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, the Mount Gilead Development deposited \$10,000 and filed an annexation petition with the Georgetown County Clerk of Court; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Gilead Development transmitted the annexation petition to the Governor's Office requesting to annex 26 lots and portions of seven other lots of land in Mount Gilead subdivision of Georgetown County with acres of land in Horry County; and

WHEREAS, William A. Chandler, Murrells Inlets, SC; William J. Epperson, Murrells Inlet, SC; Diane D. Moak, Murrells Inlet, SC; and Bill Murray, Pawleys Island, SC; are the fit and proper persons to serve on the commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, I hereby appoint William A. Chandler, Murrells Inlet, SC; William J. Epperson, Murrells Inlet, SC; Diane D. Moak, Murrells Inlet, SC; and Bill Murray, Pawleys Island, SC; to examine the requested annexation in Georgetown and Horry Counties.

Pursuant to Sections 4-5-140 and 4-5-160 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Commission:

- may contract for the survey and location of the proposed change of line and for such purpose may employ three competent disinterested surveyors, who are nonresidents of the counties affected, two to be selected by the commission and the third by the two selected by the commission; and
- shall carefully investigate all facts relating to the area, population and assessed property values of the territory proposed to be severed and that remaining, the proximity of the line to any courthouse and the proper amount of indebtedness of the county losing area to be assessed to the county gaining such area; and
- shall report in writing to the Governor upon all such relevant matters as the Governor may direct for his information; and

- shall also report to the Governor an itemized statement of the expense of the survey and plats; and
- shall submit its final report to the Governor no later than June 1, 2002.

This Order shall take effect immediately.