

Executive Order 2000-18
(May 31, 2000)

WHEREAS, Section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, provides "when any election official of any subdivision of this State charged with ordering, providing for, or holding an election has neglected, failed, or refused to order, provide for, or hold the election at the time appointed, or if for any reason the election is declared void by competent authority, and these facts are made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, he shall, should the law not otherwise provide for this contingency, order an election or a new election to be held at the time and place, and upon the notice being given which to him appears adequate to insure the will of the electorate being fairly expressed. To that end, he may designate the existing election official or other person as he may appoint to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election and to declare the result[;]" and

WHEREAS, I have received a letter dated May 25, 2000, from the Clarendon County Election Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") stating that Clarendon County Board of Canvassers has found irregularities sufficient to affect the outcome of the election for Seat No. 3 of Clarendon County School District Three Board of Trustees, and has unanimously agreed that a new election should be held for Seat No. 3 of the Clarendon County School District Three Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's letter requests that I set a date for a new election; and

WHEREAS, I have also received a copy of a Resolution by which the Clarendon County School District Three Board of Trustees designates the Clarendon County Election Commission as the entity which shall be responsible for conducting all future school board elections including any special elections held pursuant to the Clarendon County Election Commission's decision in the April 5, 2000 election protest concerning the election for Seat No. 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby order:

1. That the Clarendon County Board of Voter Registration take all necessary steps to ensure that the list of registered voters is as accurate as possible;
2. That prior to the election referenced herein, the Clarendon County Board of Voter Registration shall notify all voters added or deleted to the list of registered voters;
3. That accurate maps showing precinct and school district lines be provided at each polling place;
4. That the Clarendon County Election Commission hold an election for Seat No. 3 of the Clarendon County School District Three Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, or at the earliest possible date and time after Tuesday, September 12, 2000, as is permitted by the United States Department of Justice.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.