

Executive Order 2001-01

(January 2, 2001)

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2000, I received a letter from the State Election Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") stating that the State Board of Canvassers has found systemic irregularities in the November 7, 2000, general election for a Jasper County Council at-large seat being sought by candidates Samuel Gregory and Gladys Jones; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has unanimously agreed to set aside the election for this seat and to request a new election be held; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, provides "when any election official of any political 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."

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

- a. Order that an election be held in Jasper County for the County Council at-large seat referenced herein on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, or at the earliest possible date and time after Tuesday, March 20, 2001, as is permitted by the United States Justice Department; and
- b. Designate the Jasper County Election Commission to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election and to declare the result.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.