



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

CREATING THE JURY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS: It is the duty of local county and municipal law enforcement and prosecuting authorities to investigate and pursue allegations of criminal activity and public corruption on the part of their fellow local public officials; and

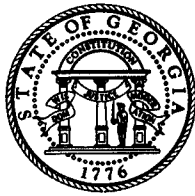
WHEREAS: It is the duty of the local citizenry to investigate, through grand juries, allegations of criminal activity and public corruption and to determine whether probable cause exists or the guilt or innocence of fellow local public officials; and

WHEREAS: There remains the need to ensure public confidence and trust in the principle that allegations of criminal activity and public corruption by local public officials will be investigated and prosecuted in a fair, objective, impartial and complete manner;

WHEREAS: There is a need to study the extent to which the fair, objective, impartial and complete investigation and prosecution of criminal activity and public corruption by local public officials can be preserved and enhanced;

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That there is created a Jury Task Force for the State of Georgia to study and make recommendations regarding ways in which the grand and petit juries of this State might be drawn from individual counties, judicial circuits, regions, or State as a whole or otherwise restructured in order to better preserve and enhance the fair,



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objective, impartial and complete investigation and prosecution of criminal activity and public corruption by local public officials.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: Upon their selection and appointment, the members of the Jury Task Force shall study and make recommendations on the matters set forth herein and issue a final report to the Governor no later than December 1, 2003, whereupon the Jury Task Force will be dissolved unless otherwise ordered.

This 16th day of January, 2003


GOVERNOR