



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Crisp County Commissioner James Arthur Nance was indicted on two counts of rape and one count of false statement on February 18, 2002;

WHEREAS: The District Attorney transmitted the indictment pursuant to O.C.G.A. §45-5-6(b), and the certified copy was received on February 20, 2002;

WHEREAS: Commissioner Nance was removed from office on April 1, 2002;

WHEREAS: Commissioner Nance was elected to a new term of office on November 5, 2002;

WHEREAS: Because Commissioner Nance had not yet been tried on the original charges, the District Attorney transmitted the indictment again, and the certified copy was received on December 24, 2002;

WHEREAS: The 14-day period following receipt of the indictment prescribed by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(e);

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor, I hereby order and appoint Attorney General Thurbert Baker, Hancock County Commission Chair Betty Hill, and Columbus-Muscogee County Councilor Evelyn Turner-Pugh as the review commission to determine whether the indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of the office of Commissioner by Mr. Nance such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby and to make a written report to me within 14 days with a recommendation as to whether Mr. Nance should be suspended from office as required by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(c).

This 27th day of March, 2003.



GOVERNOR