

IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS - EASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

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IN RE:)

CHATHAM COUNTY GRAND JURY)

STANDING ORDER

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-71, the Judges of the Superior Court may by order direct that certain duties of the Grand Jury shall be conducted in a uniform manner. Therefore, in accordance with the authority granted by said Act, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that each term of each grand jury hereinafter formed shall have the following responsibilities:

A) MANDATORY INSPECTIONS

O.C.G.A. § 15-12-71(b)(1) requires the grand jury at least once every three years to inspect and examine the offices and operations of the clerk of superior court, the district attorney, the judge of the probate court, and the county treasurer. Commencing with the calendar year of 1999, the Grand Jury shall inspect one of the above-listed offices during each of the four grand jury terms of that year. Said inspections shall then take place as noted every third year into the future. Inspections would occur in the years 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, etc.

In each applicable year, the March grand jury term will be responsible for inspecting the office of the clerk of the superior court. The June grand jury term will be responsible for inspecting the office of the district attorney. The September grand jury will be responsible for inspecting the office of the judge of the probate court. The December grand jury will be responsible for inspecting the office of the county treasurer.

B) APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF REGISTRARS

O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-212(a) and (b) require the grand jury every four years to submit to the chief judge the names of ten electors as potential county registrars. From this list, the senior judge is to appoint not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) persons as registrars for a four year term. Said list of potential county registrars shall be submitted by the March grand jury term. Said submission shall take place every four years, commencing with the year 2001. Submissions shall occur in the years 2001, 2005, 2009, etc.

If a vacancy occurs, the grand jury then in session shall send to the chief judge the names of two (2) citizens, one of whom shall be appointed as a successor to serve the remainder of the term of the replaced registrar.

C) APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS OF EQUALIZATION

O.C.G.A. § 48-5-311(c)(2) requires the grand jury each year to select persons to serve on the county boards of equalization. Three (3) persons shall be selected each year to serve as new members of the board of equalization which concludes its term that same year. Said persons shall be selected each year by the September term grand jury. The September term grand jury may designate a chairman and two vice-chairmen of each such board of equalization and appoint such alternate members as may be needed.

When vacancies occur during a term of court other than the September term, the grand jury in session during such other term may, upon request from the governing authority of the County, appoint additional alternate members of the boards of equalization.

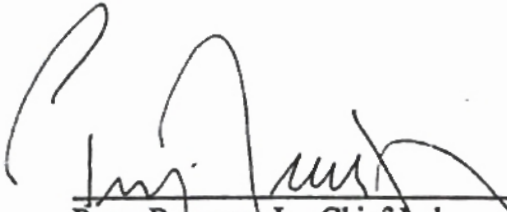
D) NON-MANDATORY, DISCRETIONARY INSPECTIONS

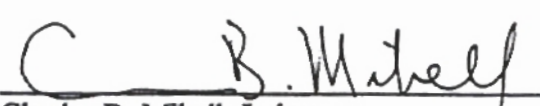
Nothing in this Standing Order shall affect any grand jury's power to conduct any

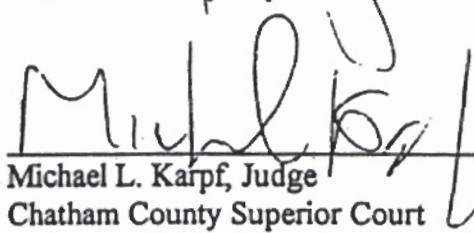
inspection required by any other Code sections if the grand jury itself determines that it is advisable that it should do so.

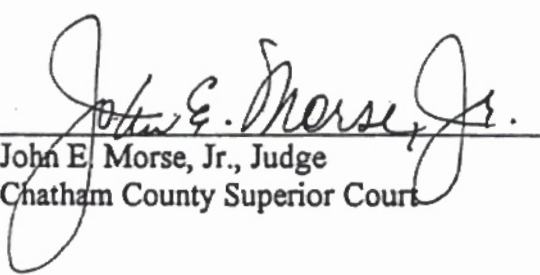
This Standing Order supercedes the Standing Order of July 7th, 1986, regarding the Chatham County Grand Jury.

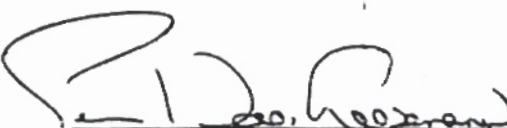
SO ORDERED, this 3 day of ^{Feb.} January, 1999.

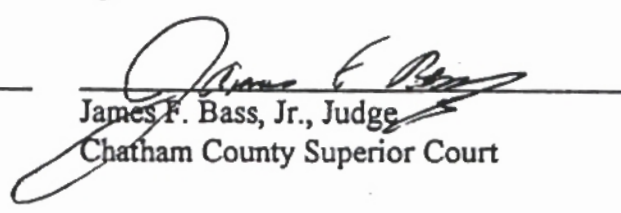

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