

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2021E-20

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to assure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Stockton Reeves is at all times material hereto the former candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdictions of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, an Administrative Law Judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings issued an Order Closing File and Relinquishing jurisdiction over the matter to the Commission on Ethics for entry of a final order; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 20-076 rendered on July 29, 2020, the Commission on Ethics found that Stockton Reeves violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate 2017 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests"; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 20-076.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Stockton Reeves violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate 2017 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests".
2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000 for the violation of Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed against Reeves, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by Reeves that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.
3. Stockton Reeves is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: January 28, 2021

By:

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On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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