

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-218

(Special Election – Gilchrist County School Board, District 3)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article X, section 3 of the Florida Constitution, and section 114.01(1)(d), Florida Statutes, a vacancy occurred in the office of Gilchrist County School Board, District 3 on May 31, 2024, due to the resignation of F. Michelle Walker-Crawford; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, section 1(f) of the Florida Constitution and section 114.04, Florida Statutes, the Governor shall fill by appointment any vacancy in county office for the remainder of the term of an appointive office, and for the remainder of the term of an elective office if there is less than twenty-eight months remaining in the term, otherwise until the first Tuesday after the first Monday following the next general election; and

WHEREAS, section 100.111(1)(a), Florida Statutes, provides: “If any vacancy occurs in any office which is required to be filled pursuant to s. 1(f), Art. IV of the State Constitution and the remainder of the term of such office is 28 months or longer, then at the next general election a person shall be elected to fill the unexpired portion of such term, commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday following such general election”; and

WHEREAS, because the remainder of the term of the elective office for Gilchrist County School Board, District 3 exceeded twenty-eight months when F. Michelle Walker-Crawford resigned, a person should have been elected to fill the unexpired portion of such term at the November 5, 2024, general election; and

WHEREAS, the Gilchrist County Supervisor of Elections did not take the necessary action for persons seeking election to the unexpired portion of the term to qualify pursuant to section 100.111(1)(b), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, section 100.101(1), Florida Statutes, provides that a special election shall be held if no person has been elected at a general election to fill an office which was required to be filled by election at such general election; and

WHEREAS, no person will be elected at the November 5, 2024, general election to fill the office of Gilchrist County School Board, District 3, which was required to be filled by such general election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 100.111(2) and 100.141(1), Florida Statutes, the Governor, upon consultation with the Secretary of State and considering upcoming elections in the jurisdiction where the special election will be held, shall issue an order declaring the dates the special primary election and special election shall be held.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, pursuant to my solemn constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. A Special Election shall be held to fill the vacancy in the office of Gilchrist County School Board, District 3.

Section 2. A Special Primary Election shall be held on January 28, 2025.

Section 3. A Special Election shall be held on April 8, 2025, if necessary.

Section 4. The Secretary of State shall work to implement the other scheduling requirements for this special election.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 7th day of October, 2024.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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