

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2019-23

WHEREAS, at the request of Horry County Council and Georgetown County Council, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2018-20 on June 12, 2018, appointing a Commission to Investigate Annexation of Certain Areas in Horry County and Georgetown County (“Commission”) and charging the Commission with investigating all facts related to the requested annexation and reporting in writing the pertinent facts and other relevant matters in accordance with Chapter 5 of Title 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and Act No. 275 of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has since provided to the undersigned the Report of the Commission to Investigate Annexation of Certain Areas in Horry County and Georgetown County dated June 11, 2019 (“Report”), as well as the Supplemental Information dated July 26, 2019 (“Supplemental Information”); and

WHEREAS, based on a review of the Report and Supplemental Information, it appears that the Commission has satisfactorily completed its investigation regarding the requested annexation and reported the pertinent facts and recommendations in accordance with Executive Order No. 2018-20; and

WHEREAS, as indicated in the Supplemental Information, to the extent that the Report differs from the original requests presented to the undersigned, the Commission has obtained the concurrence and agreement of both Horry County and Georgetown County regarding the Commission’s conclusions and recommendations, which Horry County Council memorialized and confirmed on July 9, 2019, by Resolution R-71-19, and which Georgetown County Council memorialized and confirmed on July 23, 2019, by Resolution No. 19-09; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, it appears that other statutory requirements or prerequisites to the ordering of a county annexation election have already been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 275 of 2018, “[u]pon receipt of the commission’s report and compliance with all statutory requirements, an election must be ordered for all qualified voters in the affected area.”

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order that an election shall be held on November 5, 2019, to determine whether the Georgetown County Affected Area, as identified and defined in the Commission’s Report and Supplemental Information, Georgetown County Council Resolutions No. 2018-16 and No. 19-09, Horry County Council Resolutions R-52-18 and R-71-19, and further described below, shall be annexed or transferred to Horry County. Such election shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Act No. 275 of 2018, and all other applicable law. The question to be presented to the voters in said election shall be as follows:

Do you favor the annexation to Horry County of all that area of land in Georgetown County consisting of 210.32 acres or 0.3286 square miles described as commencing at a point in the center of the Waccamaw River, being that point defined in Sections 4-3-270 and 4-3-310, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, at Latitude 33°34’22.623”N, Longitude 79°06’03.848”W (North American Datum 1983), this being the same point positioned at Latitude N33°34’22.6126, Longitude W79°06’03.8429 (North American Datum 1983/2011) on the below referenced plat, and thence running along the Statutory Boundary for Georgetown and Horry Counties N89°06’55”E for a distance of 4,165.38 feet to a calculated point labeled ‘B’, this being the Point of Beginning: From the Point of Beginning, a point labeled ‘B’ and thence running along a line through points labeled ‘B’ through ‘AR’ on the Proposed Boundary Line for Georgetown and Horry Counties, ‘AR’ being on the Statutory Boundary of Georgetown and Horry Counties thence turning and running S89°06’55”W for a distance of 23,067.40 feet along the Statutory Boundary of Georgetown and Horry Counties to the calculated point labeled ‘B’, the Point of Beginning, the said area being shown on a ‘Plat of a Portion of Georgetown County Proposed To Be Annexed To Horry County’, by South Carolina Geodetic Survey, AECOM, and Glenn Associates Surveying, Inc., dated January 9, 2019 and signed and sealed by David K. Ballard PLS#26946, Jason M. Forsberg PLS#28135, and Michael R. Mills PLS#11606 on January 17, 2019, recorded with the Horry

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County Registrar of Deeds in Plat Book 287, Page 153 and said plat being incorporated herein by reference?

A YES vote means in favor of the annexation. A NO vote means opposed to the annexation.

YES

NO

In accordance with Act No. 275 of 2018, the election shall be held in the above-referenced portion of Georgetown County “for all qualified voters in the affected area.” For the reasons set forth in the Commission’s Report and Supplemental Information, the Horry County Voter Registration and Election Commission shall conduct the election. Pursuant to the Commission’s recommendation, “[f]or the portion of the Georgetown County Affected Area that is in the Garden City #2 precinct, the place for voting is the Garden City Fire Station, 280 Azalea Avenue, Garden City, and for the portion in the Burgess #3 precinct, the place for voting is St. James Middle School, 9775 St. James Road, Myrtle Beach.” Notice of the election shall be given in accordance with section 7-13-35 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and any other applicable law.

Any other related matters not specifically addressed in this Order shall be governed by the Commission’s Report and Supplemental Information, including the conclusions and recommendations set forth therein, which are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference. The Commission shall ensure that the Report and Supplemental Information are promptly filed with the Secretary of State. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 26th DAY
OF AUGUST, 2019.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

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MARK HAMMOND

Secretary of State