

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FAYETTE COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

2020 JUN 30 PM 3 36

ELECTION DAY CASE ASSIGNMENT STANDING ORDER SHEILA STUDDARD, CLERK  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

STANDING ORDER NO. 2020-03

In order to provide the instant court access that may be required when actions are filed on election day that pertain to the election, the Court establishes and enters the following standing order:

1.

DUTIES OF THE CLERK

- a. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, the Clerks of the Circuit shall confer at least sixty days before every election whereupon each Clerk shall synchronously assign a sitting judge by coordinated seniority rotation beginning with the Chief Judge to perform on-call duty as mandated by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-412<sup>1</sup> on primary and election days.
- b. After conferring but not less than thirty days prior to every primary or election day, each Clerk shall perform each of the following duties and provide redundant timely written notice by U.S. mail and email to the persons identified below:
  - i. Notify the assigned judge of this assignment. Once assigned by the Clerk to a particular judge, a written judicial order, signed by both the transferring and receiving judge, entered in each county and served on

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<sup>1</sup> This on-call duty shall be between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. "and so long thereafter as it may appear that the process of such court will be necessary to secure a free, fair, and correct computation and canvass of votes cast at such primary or election."

- all officials named in this section is required to re-assign the on-call duty.
- ii. Provide to the County Election Supervisor the name and daytime and nighttime phone contact information for the assigned judge;
  - iii. Provide to the County Attorney the name and daytime and nighttime phone contact information for the assigned judge; and
  - iv. Provide the Sheriff the name and daytime and nighttime contact information for the assigned judge and notify the Sheriff that courthouse security personnel may be required to provide security in the event of a legal contest of the primary or election, and further, the Sheriff shall have on immediate call adequate courthouse security personnel available to open the courthouse and attend to the judge during an election hearing.
- c. The Clerk shall be available and ready to immediately appear, or have a sworn deputy clerk available and ready to immediately appear in the event of a legal contest to the primary or election.

2.

**DUTY OF THE SHERIFF**

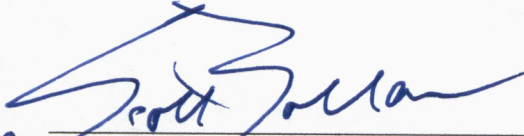
The Sheriff shall have available and ready to immediately appear, a sufficient number of courthouse security personnel to provide courthouse security immediately upon the judge's request on a primary or election night after the courthouse is closed.


3.


**EFFECTIVE UPON FILING**

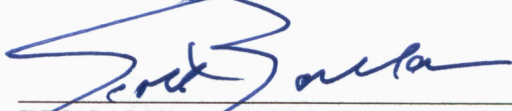
Pursuant to USCR 3.1,<sup>2</sup> this Order is effective at the time stated herein and is authorized by that law to be filed upon signature by three sitting Griffin Judicial Circuit Superior Court judges, and shall thereafter be the law applied within the Griffin Judicial Circuit as to all five sitting Griffin Judicial Circuit judges and other officers of court.


SO ORDERED this 30 day of June, 2020.

  
for **CHRISTOPHER C. EDWARDS**  
CHIEF JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT  
FAYETTE COUNTY *with permission*

  
for **W. FLETCHER SAMS**  
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT  
FAYETTE COUNTY *with permission*

  
**SCOTT L. BALLARD**  
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT  
FAYETTE COUNTY

  
for **BENJAMIN D. COKER**  
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT  
FAYETTE COUNTY *with permission*

  
for **BEN J. MILLER, JR.**  
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT  
FAYETTE COUNTY *with permission*

<sup>2</sup> "In multi-judge circuits, *unless the majority of the judges in a circuit elect to adopt a different system*, all actions, civil and criminal, shall be assigned by the clerk of each superior court according to a plan approved by such judges to the end that each judge is allocated an equal number of cases." (emphasis added).