



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** The states must redistrict their legislatures and congressional delegations in the year following the release of the results of the United States decennial census; and
- WHEREAS:** Too often, this process of redistricting has been performed with the goal of furthering partisan interests and the protection of incumbents; and
- WHEREAS:** The current redistricting process has resulted in the dissatisfaction of citizens by producing results that divide communities of interest and create confusion among citizens regarding their legislative districts and their representatives; and
- WHEREAS:** Some states use independent commissions to perform the legislative and congressional redistricting process or to recommend redistricting plans to their legislatures so as to minimize such problems and to increase public confidence in the process; and
- WHEREAS:** There is a need for the creation of an independent task force to consider the creation of an independent, redistricting commission for the purpose of legislative and congressional redistricting.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

- ORDERED:** That there is created an Independent Redistricting Task Force for the State of Georgia to study and make recommendations regarding ways in which an independent redistricting commission may help to ensure balanced, fairly drawn districts and to improve public faith in the elective process.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That upon their selection and appointment, members of the Independent Redistricting Task Force shall study and make recommendations on the matters set forth herein and issue a final report to the Governor by December 31, 2006.

This 1st day of March, 2006.



GOVERNOR