



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** Gilmer County Commission Chairman, Jerry Farist, was indicted on October 14, 2008, on one count of Theft by Taking; and

**WHEREAS:** The indictment was transmitted to the Governor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(b), and the certified copy was received on November 5, 2008; and

**WHEREAS:** The 14-day period following the receipt of the indictment as prescribed by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(e) has passed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That Attorney General Thurbert Baker; Chairman Stephen W. Gooch of Lumpkin County; and Chairman Charles G. Newton, IV of McDuffie County; are hereby appointed as the review commission to determine whether the indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of the office of County Commission Chairman by Mr. Farist such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby and to make a written report to me within 14 days with a recommendation as to whether said councilmen should be suspended from office as required by O.C.G.A. §45-5-6(e).

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2008.

  
GOVERNOR