EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 93-30

WHEREAS, Executive Order 93-19, issued August 16, 1993, provided for the scheduling of a January 18, 1994, referendum on the proposed annexation of a portion of Williamsburg County to Florence County; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 1993, materials were submitted to the United States Department of Justice pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 for preclearance; and

WHEREAS, identified in the submission materials, the holding of the referendum on January 18, 1994, was contingent upon the lack of an objection by the Department of Justice after its review of the submission materials; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice has requested additional information, thereby extending its 60-day period within which it must render an objection, if any; and
WHEREAS, in light of this extension, a great deal of uncertainty exists whether the Department of Justice will complete its preclearance review before the date set by Executive Order 93-19; and

WHEREAS, in the best interests of all involved, it is prudent to set a new election date that will allow the Department of Justice to finish its preclearance review before the election and, if no objection is asserted, allow the election to proceed free of doubt and confusion; and

WHEREAS, it appears to me that the Commission appointed on February 26, 1993, by Executive Order 93-03, to study and report on the proposed annexation of a portion of Williamsburg County to Florence County has satisfactorily completed its investigation and reported relevant facts as prescribed by S.C. Code Ann. § 4-5-160 (Rev. 1986) and the South Carolina Constitution; and

WHEREAS, other prerequisites to the ordering of a county annexation election required by law have already been satisfied;

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me by S.C. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-170 and 4-5-180 (Supp. 1992), I do hereby order an election to be held on March 8, 1994, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 4 of the Code to determine whether the area of Williamsburg County set forth in the Petition filed on March 1, 1993, described below, shall be annexed to Florence County. The question to be presented to the voters in said election shall be as follows:
Do you favor the annexation to Florence County, all that block of land containing 33 square miles, more or less, known as the northeastern portion of Johnson Township, in Williamsburg County, South Carolina being bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the centerline of a bridge on Highway S-45-40 known as the Florence-Williamsburg County Line Road at its intersection with Muddy Creek, being a point on the existing boundary line between Florence and Williamsburg Counties and extending in an approximate northeasterly direction down the centerline of Muddy Creek which is a continuation of the countyline between Florence and Williamsburg County to the point of its confluence with Clarks Creek thence extending in an approximate easterly direction down the centerline of Clarks Creek to its confluence which is a portion of the existing line between Florence and Williamsburg County to its confluence with Great Pee Dee River; thence running an approximate southeasterly direction down the centerline of Great Pee Dee River past Staple's Lake to the conjunction of the Great Pee Dee River which is the existing boundary line between Marion County and Williamsburg County to the unpaved county road at the sight of Old Britton's Ferry designated as South Carolina Highway S-22-5; thence extending down said county road which is unpaved for a portion of the said distance and thereafter is a paved road known as South Carolina Highway S-22-5 which is the existing boundary line between Williamsburg County and Georgetown County in an approximate southern direction to the intersection of South Carolina Highway S-22-5 and South Carolina Highway S-45-242; thence turning in an approximate northwestern direction and running down the centerline of South Carolina Highway S-45-242 to the point of its intersection with South Carolina Highway S-45-261; thence turning in an approximate western direction and running down the centerline of South Carolina Highway S-45-261 to the point of its intersection with South Carolina Highway S-45-640; thence turning in an approximate
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southern direction and running down the centerline of South Carolina Highway S-45-640 to the point of its intersection with South Carolina Highway S-45-647; thence turning and running in an approximate western direction down the centerline of South Carolina Highway S-45-647 to its intersection with South Carolina Highway S-45-275; thence turning in an approximate southwestern direction and running down the centerline of South Carolina Highway S-45-275 to its intersection with South Carolina Highway S-45-41/51; thence turning in an approximate northern direction and running down the centerline of South Carolina Highway S-45-41/51 to the point of its intersection with the Town Limits of Hemingway; thence turning in an approximate western direction and following the line of the town limits of the City of Hemingway to its intersection with South Carolina Highway S-45-261; thence turning in an approximate southwestern direction and running down the centerline of South Carolina Highway S-45-261 to its intersection with an unimproved county road known as the Clara Cox Road; thence turning in an approximate northern direction and running down the centerline of the Clara Cox Road to the point of its intersection with the Eaddy Farm Road; thence turning in an approximate northwestern direction and running down the centerline of the Eaddy Farm Road to the point of its intersection with South Carolina Highway S-45-40; thence turning in an approximate eastern direction and running down the centerline of South Carolina Highway S-45-40 to the point of beginning being the centerline of a bridge at the intersection of South Carolina Highway S-45-40 and Muddy Creek?

(Check no more than one.)

[ ] I favor the annexation.

[ ] I do not favor the annexation.
The voting places to be used in Florence County in conducting the election shall be the established precinct voting places. The voting places to be used in the portion of Williamsburg County in which the election shall be conducted, which is the area described above, shall be the established voting places in the Ebenezer and Muddy Creek precincts, and those voters in the annexation area who live in the Hemingway precinct and in the Henry-Poplar Hill precinct will vote at the Hemingway Fire Department.

Notice of the holding of this election shall be given by the respective county election commissions in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 7-13-35 (Supp. 1992).

Executive Order 93-19 is hereby rescinded.