



State of South Carolina

JOHN C. WEST
GOVERNOR

April 10, 1974

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBIA 29211

Memorandum to:

Members, Election Commission of Dorchester County
Members, Election Commission of Charleston County
Members, Committee to Change Certain Lines of
Dorchester and Charleston Counties

From:

John C. West, Governor

Enclosed is my Executive Order which will give details for holding an election on April 30, 1974, regarding annexation of described area to Dorchester County.

Study Commission

Mr. David H. Smith, Highway #78, Summerville, S. C.
Mr. George B. Von Olsen, Highway #78, Summerville, S. C.
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Mr. Douglas Reeves, Reevesville, S. C.
Mr. William Murry, St. George, S. C.
Mr. Eli Young, Harleyville, S. C.
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Mr. Jack Butler, Harleyville, S. C.

Election Commission, Charleston County

Mr. Solomon Morse, Jr., P. O. Box 487, Charleston, S. C.
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Mr. Charles A. Sullivan, P. O. Box 487, Charleston, S. C.
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Executive Order

WHEREAS, it has been brought to my attention that the populations of the State's Correctional facilities have critically exceeded their capacities; and

WHEREAS, the respective Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Corrections and Penology and the House Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal affairs have advised me of their concern relative to this matter; and

WHEREAS, such overcrowding does not contribute to intended rehabilitation, nor healthful conditions, nor the orderly process of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, I am advised by the Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections that such overcrowding has reached a critical stage and that immediate action must be undertaken to relieve the potential dangerous situation caused thereby; and

WHEREAS, I am advised by the Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections that the overcrowded conditions of the State's correctional facilities can be relieved by the discretionary, systematic release of certain inmates serving sentences of an indeterminate length as provided for under the Youthful Offender Act; and

WHEREAS, I am advised by the Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections that the release of these inmates can be effected without the risk of harm to society,

I therefore find that an emergency situation does exist within our State's Correctional facilities and that extreme measures must be taken to preserve the peace, health and good order therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, under authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and in order that the best interest of the State of South Carolina and its citizens be served, I hereby Order and Direct:

1. That the Director of the Department of Corrections may depart from the Department's customary practice of holding individuals, sentenced under the provisions of the Youthful Offender Act, for a minimum of twelve months;
2. That the Director of the Department of Corrections be authorized to consider for immediate release those Youthful Offenders who, in the Department's determination, are suited for such release, and who's release can be effected without a probable risk of harm to society, and who have served no less than seven months within the confines of the State's Correctional facilities;
3. That the Director of the Department of Corrections may exercise his discretion in fulfilling the terms of this Order in relieving the overcrowded conditions;
4. This Order shall be effective for no longer than thirty days from its date, and in no instance shall it extend beyond thirty days absent express authority of this Office.



Given under my hand
and the Great Seal of the
State of South Carolina
at Columbia, South
Carolina, this 7th
day of May, 1974.



JOHN C. WEST
Governor

Attest:



O. FRANK THORNTON
Secretary of State