

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION:

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §21-2-284(c) states, “The names of the candidates shall in all cases be arranged under the title of the office for which they are candidates *and be printed thereunder in alphabetical order. . .*” (emphasis supplied); and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §21-2-285(c) states, “In a primary or special election, said names [of the candidates] shall be *arranged alphabetically by last name* under the title of the office” (emphasis supplied); and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A to this Resolution shows the order in which each candidate for a local office in said primary qualified for said office; and

WHEREAS, the ballots for the 2022 primary have the names of the candidates for the local offices printed in the order that each candidate qualified for said office; and

WHEREAS, the Pickens County Board of Elections and Registration (the “Board”) submitted said names to the company that printed the ballot but did not actually print the ballots; and

WHEREAS, the Board is ultimately responsible for the conformance of the ballot to the requirements of O.C.G.A. §21-2-284 and O.C.G.A. §21-2-285; and

WHEREAS, this non-compliance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-284 and O.C.G.A. §21-2-285 was inadvertent and unintentional; and

WHEREAS, this non-compliance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-284 and O.C.G.A. §21-2-285 was not discovered until May 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, early voting for the 2022 primary began on May 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is not appropriate to reprint said ballots in alphabetical order because the ballots have already been published to the voters and have been acted upon by absentee and early voters; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that corrective measures should be taken to mitigate against any harm that noncompliance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-284 and O.C.G.A. §21-2-285 may cause, and those measures are described below.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1.

The Chairman of the Board of Elections and Registration is authorized and directed to issue the following statement to the legal organ of Pickens County:

The ballot names for the local candidates in the 2022 primary are listed in the order that each candidate qualified for said office. These names should have been listed in alphabetical order. With the exception of the candidates for the office of District 1 Board of Commissioners Post (the post that is elected from the Western portion of Pickens County), all candidates qualified in alphabetical order. Therefore, the District 1 Board of Commissioners Post is not alphabetical order, and we draw your attention to this issue to ensure that each voter reviews the entire ballot and does not place any significance or importance in the manner and order in which each candidate is listed.

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please contact our Election Supervisor, Stacey Godfrey, at 706-692-8781, or if more convenient, you may contact one of our poll managers located at the precinct on election day.

2.

The Chairman of the Board of Elections and Registration is authorized and directed to have the above statement posted at the Board office and at each polling place in which the District 1 Board of Commissioners Post shall be voted upon.