

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1

**RESOLUTION ON PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OF ALLEGED 2021
COFFEE COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM BREACHES**

WHEREAS, the Coffee County Board of Elections and Registration (hereinafter “Election Board”) is committed to the open, transparent, and legally compliant administration of all election activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Election Board has received evidence of alleged violations of the voting system security protocols including unauthorized access of the voting system occurring in January, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the Election Board requires additional information regarding the alleged breaches of the voting system to properly assess any necessary remedial actions; and,

WHEREAS, the Election Board believes that information regarding the alleged breach should be made promptly available to Coffee County voters to the fullest extent permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, ongoing law enforcement investigations, such as the Georgia Bureau of Investigations’ current investigation, have provided only limited information to the Election Board, and are not anticipated to address all concerns of the Election Board or provide a timely basis for election security improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Election Board requires the independent legal counsel to make complete and proper inquiries and examination of facts currently available in the records of Coffee County and within the knowledge of its officials concerning the alleged breach on behalf of the Election Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Election Board and it is so ordered and resolved by the authority of the same that:

1. The Election Board shall promptly solicit proposals for the conduct of an internal investigation of the facts currently available in Coffee County records and within the knowledge of its officials, concerning the alleged breach from at least three recognized respected law firms, including public interest law firms, with relevant investigations experience. Unsolicited proposals shall also be received and reviewed on the same basis as the solicited proposals.
2. Requested proposals for internal investigation shall be received no later than July 1, 2023, and interviews of at least three law firms, selected by the Election Board shall be conducted no later than July 15, 2023, with selection of counsel no later than August 1, 2023.

3. The Chairman of the Election Board shall promptly notify the Coffee County Board of Commissioners of this action and request consideration of special funding for the internal investigation based on the proposals received.
4. Election Board meetings conducted with respect to selection of independent counsel for the internal investigation or matters related to the independent counsel's investigation shall be properly noticed public meetings, conducted in public, with the limited exception of receiving specific legal advice for taking board action related to prosecutable offenses.
5. The Election Board hereby declares that the foregoing preamble and whereas provisions of the Resolution are hereby incorporated by reference into this provision.