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**PRESS RELEASE-For Immediate Release**  
**August 29, 2018**  
**District 28 Election**

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners has directed our County Attorney to withdraw the Motion to Dismiss in the lawsuit contesting the May 22, 2018 House District 28 Primary Election.

We concede that errors were made. Initially, it appeared that the number of votes impacted was less than the margin in this extremely close election. Upon further investigation by the Habersham County Board of Commissioners and Habersham County Elections Department, we have discovered that a number of voters-in excess of the certified 67 vote differential-had in fact voted in the wrong district. With this information, Habersham County is calling for a new election for this seat and hope that Banks and Stephens Counties (both of which are also in District 28) will support this request.

The integrity of our voting process and fairness to all parties is a major concern of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners. We owe the voters of Habersham County the assurance that their right to vote is not being compromised. Habersham County Elections Supervisor Laurel Ellison has advised both the Board of Commissioners and the Secretary of State that proper corrections have been made for future elections.

We commend Secretary of State Brian Kemp, State Attorney General Chris Carr, and their staffs for working to ensure that no voter in Georgia is disenfranchised. We also recognize the willingness of Representative Dan Gasaway and Candidate Chris Erwin to set aside their campaigns and focus on the integrity of the voting system. Lastly, we appreciate District 10 Representative Terry Rogers for his input and guidance throughout this process.

Please contact the Habersham County Board of Commissioner's Office at 706-839-0200 or Commission Chairman Victor Anderson via email at [vanderson@habershamga.com](mailto:vanderson@habershamga.com) with any questions.

Victor E. Anderson, Chairman  
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