

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-01**

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order number 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, in Executive Order Number 20-52, authorized each State agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute of that agency, if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I LAUREL M. LEE**, Secretary of Florida's Department of State, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, find the timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to COVID-19, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Florida Department of State ("the Department"). Therefore, I order the following:

1. All time requirements for business entities to file annual reports as of the date of the Emergency Order are suspended and tolled until June 30, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order.

2. The April 1 deadline under section 103.121(2), Florida Statutes, for each state political party to submit its public audit to the Department of State, and for each county executive committee to submit its public audit to the supervisor of elections and the state executive committee is extended until June 30, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order.
- 3.

Executed this 27th day of March, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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Filed on this date, with  
the designated Agency Clerk,  
receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

*E. L. Pearson*

Agency Clerk's Office

Date: 3/27/2020

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