

**IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

Administrative Order No. 2012-34

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SANTA ROSA CANVASSING BOARD

ORDER

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa County Judge Ross Bilbrey is serving as a member of the Santa Rosa County Canvassing Board for 2012; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bilbrey has been appointed a Circuit Judge and will take office in that capacity on July 24, 2012 in Escambia County rendering him unable to serve on the Santa Rosa County Canvassing Board; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa County Judge Robert Hilliard, who has previously rotated service on the Santa Rosa County Canvassing Board with Judge Bilbrey, has booked his schedule for the next several months which conflicts with service on the Canvassing Board; and

WHEREAS, Colie Nichols is a retired Santa Rosa County Judge, who also has experience serving on the Santa Rosa County Canvassing Board, is a qualified elector residing in Santa Rosa County, is not a candidate in the election being canvassed, and is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed; and

WHEREAS, § 102.141(1)(a), Florida Statutes (2011), vests the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the county is located with authority to appoint a member to the canvassing board if no county judge is able to serve;

It is, **THEREFORE**, ordered and adjudged that, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, I find that no county judge is able to serve on the canvassing board of Santa Rosa County, a county within the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, and Colie Nichols, who

is legally qualified to serve, is appointed to the Santa Rosa County Canvassing Board for the remainder of 2012.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 18th day of July, 2012, *nunc pro tunc*, July 16, 2012.

/S/ TERRY D. TERRELL

TERRY D. TERRELL
CHIEF JUDGE

Pc: Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections
Colie Nichols
Honorable John Miller
Honorable Ross Bilbrey
Santa Rosa County Commissioners
Mary Johnson, Clerk of Court