IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: 25-13-B
SUPERSEDES 24-20-B

IN RE: CLERK OF COURT - TOBACCO, NICOTINE PRODUCT AND VAPING VIOLATIONS

Florida Statutes Chapters 569.11 and 569.42 involve cases alleging non-criminal violations against persons under the age of twenty-one (21) for unlawful purchase, possession or use of tobacco and/or nicotine, and vaping products.

WHEREAS, when a violator fails to make an election within thirty (30) days of the offense, the case should be heard before a county court judge.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statute 775.15(2)(d), non-criminal infractions must be commenced within one year of the violation. The efficiency of the Clerk would greatly increase by the Clerk administratively dismissing cases older than one (l) year from the offense date.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. <u>NON-COMPLIANCE AFTER THIRTY (30) DAYS</u>:

When a violator has failed to make an election, the Clerk shall schedule the case for an arraignment hearing date before the assigned county court judge.

2. PENDING CASES OLDER THAN ONE (1) YEAR:

The clerk shall dismiss any charges and waive any outstanding monetary and non-monetary obligations on pending cases older than one (1) year from the offense date.

DONE AND ORDERED this 13th day of February, 2025.

CHARLIE CRAWFORD
CHIEF JUDGE

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