The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Re: Closing of the Probate Courts

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

I find that the implementation of Act No. 87 of 2017 substantially alters the administrative

duties and responsibilities of the Probate Judges. I further find that the Probate Judges and Probate

Court Staff will benefit from an educational training session on their administrative duties and

responsibilities under Act No. 87 of 2017. At the request of the Probate Court Judges Advisory

Committee and Probate Judges Association, and pursuant to S. C. Const. Art. V, §, 4,

IT IS ORDERED that the closing of the Probate Courts on November 29, 2018, and

November 30, 2018, is hereby authorized for training and implementation of Act No. 87 of 2017.

Probate Judges will have the option to coordinate the closing in their counties as they deem

appropriate. Additionally, Probate Judges shall make every effort to minimize the effect of the

closings on the citizens of their respective counties, with ample notice being given to the public of

the closing.

The Probate Court Judges Advisory Committee and Probate Judges Association shall plan,

coordinate and conduct the training sessions referenced herein.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Donald W. Beatty

Chief Justice of South Carolina

May 17, 2018 Columbia, South Carolina