

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

IN THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT

Frances P. Segars-Andrews, Petitioner,

v.

Judicial Merit Selection Commission, The State of South Carolina, the Honorable Andre Bauer, in his official capacity as President of the South Carolina Senate, the Honorable Glenn F. McConnell, in his capacity as President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate, the Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr., in his capacity as Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives..... Respondents.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S LEAGUE
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *AMICUS CURIAE* BRIEF

Pursuant to Rule 213, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, the League of Women Voters of South Carolina (LWVSC) hereby moves for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief in this action. The above matter, pending in the original jurisdiction of this Honorable Court, addresses issues of substantial concern to the LWVSC, which is a nonpartisan political organization that has encouraged the informed and active participation of citizens in government and advocated on behalf of the voters of South Carolina for more than ninety years. As more fully explained in the brief being filed with this motion, the LWVSC and its members have a great and direct interest in the questions

presented in this case, including questions of state constitutional and legislative authority: (1) judicial independence; (2) separation of powers and the relationship between the legislative branch and the judicial branch; and (3) whether statutorily created requirements can contravene the intent and purpose of constitutional provisions and whether service on constitutional commissions violates dual office holding restrictions.

For the foregoing reasons, the LWVSC respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant leave to present an *amicus curiae* brief. A copy of the LWVSC's proposed *amicus curiae* brief is attached hereto, and is being conditionally filed with this motion in accordance with Rule 213, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

Respectfully Submitted,

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