

SC23-1671; 1D23-2252

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

BLACK VOTERS MATTER CAPACITY BUILDING INSTITUTE, ET AL.,

Petitioners,

v.

CORD BYRD, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF STATE, ET AL.,

Respondents.

**FLORIDA LEGISLATURE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER BRIEF**

The Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives (the “Legislature”) move for a seven-day extension of time, through and including May 6, to serve their answer brief. In support of this motion, the Legislature states:

1. The Legislature’s answer brief is currently due to be served on April 29, 2024.

2. Undersigned counsel have made a substantial effort to complete the answer brief, but drafting in this case has been impeded by workload constraints and several significant competing commitments and deadlines, including drafting an initial brief filed on March 11 in First District Court of Appeal Case Number 1D2022-3834; drafting an initial brief filed April 8 in Second District Court of

Appeal Case Number 2D23-2319; drafting an amicus curiae brief filed April 22 in Third District Court of Appeal Case Number 3D22-0181; preparation for an oral argument held on April 23 in Second District Court of Appeal Case Number 2D23-1315; drafting a candidate-qualifying-related complaint and emergency motion for temporary injunction filed April 26 in Second Judicial Circuit Case No. 2024-CA-0653; drafting an answer brief due April 30 in Florida Supreme Court Case Number SC2023-0988; drafting a response due May 3 to a complaint filed April 10 in Middle District of Florida Case Number 8:24-cv-879; and preparation for an oral argument scheduled for May 7 in First District Court of Appeal Case Number 1D2023-0143.

3. This is the Legislature's second request for a short extension after being previously granted a single 30-day extension of the deadline to serve its answer brief. This motion is made in good faith and for good cause shown, is not intended for the purpose of delay, and no party will be prejudiced by the requested extension.

4. The undersigned counsel has consulted with counsel for the other parties and is authorized to represent that no party opposes the relief requested in this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives respectfully request that this Court issue an order granting the requested extension of time, through and including May 6, within which to serve its answer brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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