

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Lynn Shuler Teague, in her individual capacity;
League of Women Voters of South Carolina, Inc.,
Jace Woodrum, in his individual capacity; and
American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina,
Inc.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

The House Legislative Rules Committee of the
South Carolina House of Representatives; the
Honorable Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV, in his
official capacity as Chairman of the House
Legislative Rules Committee; and Speaker G.
Murrell Smith, Jr., in his official capacity as
Speaker of the South Carolina House of
Representatives,

Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No. 2026-CP-40-03393

**DEFENDANTS’
MOTION TO DISMISS**

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Pursuant to Rules 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6), SCRCP, Defendants The House Legislative Rules Committee of the South Carolina House of Representatives (“the Rules Committee” of “the House of Representatives”); the Honorable Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV (“Chairman Caskey”), in his official capacity as Chairman of the House Legislative Rules Committee; and Speaker G. Murrell Smith, Jr., in his official capacity as Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives (“Speaker of the House”) (collectively, “Defendants”), by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully Move to Dismiss Plaintiffs’ Complaint with Prejudice and for whatever other relief the Court deems appropriate. This Motion is made on the following grounds:

1. Just last year, based on well-established and long-standing precedent, the Supreme Court of South Carolina once again made abundantly clear to Plaintiff League of Women Voters of South Carolina, Inc. (“LWVSC”), then represented by counsel from Plaintiff American