

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM LEE COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2007-065159

Abbeville County School District, *et al.*,

Appellants-Respondents,

vs.

The State of South Carolina, *et al.*, of whom
Hugh K. Leatherman, as President Pro Tempore
of the Senate and as a representative of the
South Carolina Senate, and James H. Lucas,
as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of
Representatives and as a representative of
The South Carolina House of Representatives,
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Respondents-Appellants,

and

State of South Carolina, Nikki R. Haley,
as Governor of the State of South Carolina,
are

Respondents.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR REHEARING

Pursuant to Rules 221(a) and 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules,
Respondents-Appellants Hugh K. Leatherman, in his representative capacity and as

President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate, and James H. Lucas, as Speaker Pro Tempore of the South Carolina House of Representatives (hereinafter “the Senate and the House”), hereby move this Court for an order granting a sixty (60) day extension of time to file a Petition for Rehearing in this case. This is the Senate and the House’s first request for an extension. The grounds for this motion are as follows.

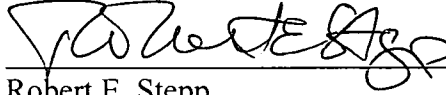
Following the trial of this case, oral arguments were held before this Court on June 25, 2008. On May 23, 2012, this Court directed this matter be reargued on September 18, 2012. On November 12, 2014, this Court issued an opinion approximately 68 pages in length. The Senate and the House’s Petition for Rehearing is currently due on November 24, 2014.

The opinion of the Court addresses numerous issues. Robert E. Stepp, the lead attorney for the Senate and the House in this case, has long standing plans to be out of the country from November 19, 2014 through December 5, 2014. In the absence of an extension of time, Mr. Stepp will either have to cancel his plans or forego full participation in the preparation of the petition. The Senate and the House therefore respectfully request a 60-day extension of time to file a Petition for Rehearing. With the requested extension, Petition will be due on January 13, 2015.

Counsel for the Senate and the House has contacted counsel for Appellants-Respondents, who do not consent to the extension.

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I hereby certify that I have caused to be served a copy of the Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Rehearing upon counsel of record, as reflected below, by hand delivery, this **17th day of November 2014**.


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