

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

George Tempel, Appellant/Respondent,

v.

South Carolina State Election Commission (Marci Andino, as Executive Director, and Chris Whitmire, as Director of Public Information and Training); South Carolina Republican Party (Matt Moore, as Executive Director, and Chad Connolly, as Chairman); Charleston County Republican Party (Lin Bennett, as Chairman); Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration (Joseph L. Debney, as Director, and Dan Martin, as Chairman); and Paul Thurmond, Respondents,

of whom South Carolina State Election Commission (Marci Andino, as Executive Director, and Chris Whitmire, as Director of Public Information and Training), and Paul Thurmond are Respondents/Appellants.

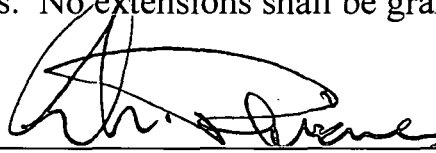
Appellate Case No. 2012-212729

ORDER

Appellant/Respondent and Respondents/Appellants have filed Notices of Appeal from an order of the circuit court declaring Paul Thurmond was disqualified as a candidate because he failed to comply with the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1356(B) (Supp. 2011), as interpreted by this Court in *Anderson v. S.C. Election Comm'n*, 397 S.C. 551, 725 S.E.2d 704 (2012), and *Florence Cnty. Democratic Party v. Florence Cnty. Republican Party*, 398 S.C. 124, 727 S.E.2d 418 (2012). Respondent/Appellant South Carolina State Election Commission (the State Commission) asks the Court to expedite this matter as it involves a time-sensitive election matter.

The motion to expedite is granted. The State Commission has requested an expedited copy of the transcript of the hearing held before the circuit court on August 13, 2012. The court reporter shall, within five (5) days of the date of this order, prepare and deliver the transcript to the State Commission.

Appellant/Respondent shall have five (5) days after receipt of the transcript in which to serve and file its initial brief and Designation of Matter. Within five (5) days after service of appellant/respondent's initial brief, respondents/appellants and respondents shall serve and file their initial brief(s). Any reply brief must be served and filed within two (2) days after service of respondent's initial brief. The Record on Appeal shall be served and filed within five (5) days after service of the last initial brief. The parties shall have five (5) days after service of the Record on Appeal to serve and file their final briefs. No extensions shall be granted absent extraordinary circumstances.



J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

August 17, 2012

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