

# 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

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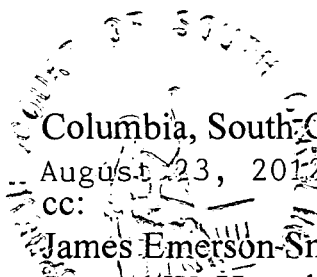
## ORDER

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Respondent/Appellant Paul Thurmond asks this Court to issue an order verifying that the special primary election for the Republican Party candidate for Senate District 41 is not automatically stayed by this appeal. In the alternative, Thurmond asks the Court to lift the automatic stay or to declare that the stay applies to all aspects of the order, which would require Thurmond to be placed on the general election ballot as the Republican nominee for the seat.

The service of the notice of appeal in this matter automatically stayed the order of the circuit court. Rule 241, SCACR. We grant the request to lift the automatic stay in this matter.

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Columbia, South Carolina

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