

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY  
The Court of Common Pleas

**S.C. Supreme Court**

J. Ernest Kinard, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 12-CP-43-1576

Eddie Drayton,.....Appellant,

v.

Sumter County Republican Party,  
Shery Smith as Chairwoman, Bob Reagan,  
South Carolina Republican Party,  
Bruce Chadwick Connelly as Chairman,  
Sumter County Democratic Party,  
Allen Bailey as Chairman,  
South Carolina Democratic Party,  
Dick Harpootlian as Chairman,  
Sumer County Board of Elections and Voter Registration,  
Patricia Jefferson as Director, and Anthony E. Barwick,.....Respondents.

MOTION TO EXPEDITE

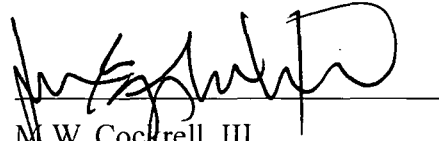
Appellant Eddie Drayton respectfully moves this Court to expedite its consideration of the Appeal filed contemporaneously herewith and incorporated herein by reference. In support of this motion, Appellant would respectfully show unto this Court as follows:

1. This matter involves placement on the ballot of certain individuals seeking election to the South Carolina Senate. Consequently, this matter seeks to resolve questions surrounding the state general election scheduled for November 6, 2012 and the integrity of this State's election process, which is a matter of serious public interest and concern.
2. This appeal involves a question over whether presenting a copy of the Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) and not having it actually filed with the appropriate authority complies with S.C. Code Sec. 8-13-1356.
3. This matter implicates the validity of this State's election process and, thus, is a matter of critical public importance. A timely resolution to this question is critical to ensuring validity of the upcoming general election.
4. Given that the general election will be held in just over a month, this matter involves questions of the utmost urgency. Delay in the Court's adjudication of the issue could be detrimental to the integrity of the mandated election process. Therefore, appellant respectfully asserts that such an important issue should be decided immediately by this State's highest Court.

WHEREFORE, having fully set forth its motion, Appellant moves the Court to expedite its consideration by scheduling an expedited schedule for briefing this matter for argument, and further request that this Court grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

October 4, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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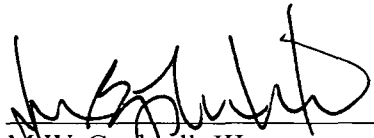
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