

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
FLORIDA, INC., PATRICIA BRIGHAM,**
individually, and as President of the League of
Women Voters of Florida, Inc., and
SHAWN BARTELT, individually, and as
Second Vice President of the League of
Women Voters of Florida, Inc.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No. _____

KEN DETZNER, in his official capacity
as Florida Secretary of State,

Defendant.

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NOTICE OF PRIORITY STATUS

Plaintiffs, pursuant to Rule 2.545(c)(1) of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, give notice that this case is entitled to priority status by this Court.

Nature of Case - The nature of this case is an action for declaratory and injunctive relief challenging the constitutionality of an amendment to the Florida Constitution proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission. As relief, the complaint seeks a declaration that the amendment is defective and an injunction prohibiting its placement on the 2018 general election ballot.

Source of Priority Status – As this case involves a challenge to a proposed constitutional amendment, it is entitled to priority status and the court has a duty to expedite it to the extent reasonably possible. Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215(g).

Deadlines Imposed & Factors Bearing Upon Them – Amendment 8 is scheduled to be submitted to voters at Florida’s general election on November 6, 2018. Supervisors of elections must send vote-by-mail ballots for this election to uniformed and overseas voters no later than 45 days before the election, *see* Section 101.62(4)(a), Florida Statutes, which is September 22, 2018. The ballots must be finalized and printed prior to then in order to be ready for mailing by September 22, 2018. The earliest the ballots can be finalized is upon certification of the results of the primary election which must occur within seven (7) days following the primary election, *see* Section 102.111(2), Florida Statutes, or by September 4, 2018.

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court assign the instant matter priority status pursuant to Rules 2.215(g) and 2.545(c)(1) of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, and grant such further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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*Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice Pending

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been provided on this 12th day of July, 2018, to a process server for personal service upon:

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