

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

IN THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT

South Carolina Republican Party,Petitioner,

v.

South Carolina Election Commission; The Honorable Jeanette W. McBride, in her official capacity as Richland County Clerk of Court; South Carolina Democratic Party; Richland County Election Commission,Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2012-213345

**RETURN OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO
EMERGENCY PETITION FILED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN
PARTY**

Respondent South Carolina State Election Commission is simply a stakeholder in this litigation and does not take a position on the merits of the Petition filed by the South Carolina Republican Party. The Election Commission undertook activities with regard to the voting materials in Richland County at the direction of a Court Order. The Election Commission only requests this Court direct new election certification deadlines for Richland County and for the State Election Commission due to the impossibility of meeting previous certification deadlines due to the occurrences in this case.

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