

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 RICHLAND COUNTY)
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 PLANNED PARENTHOOD)
 SOUTH ATLANTIC, on behalf of itself,)
 its patients, and physicians and staff,)
et al.,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.)
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 SOUTH CAROLINA, *et al.*,)
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 Defendants.)
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.: 2022-CP-40-03569

Order

Defendants State of South Carolina and Attorney General Alan Wilson filed a Notice and Motion to Facilitate Transfer on July 25, 2022. In the Notice, the State informed this Court that Attorney General Alan Wilson, Speaker of the House Murrell Smith, President of the Senate Thomas Alexander, and Governor Henry McMaster filed a Joint Petition for Original Jurisdiction in the South Carolina Supreme Court on July 20, 2022. The Joint Petition and its accompanying Complaint ask the South Carolina Supreme Court to definitively resolve not only the constitutionality of the Heartbeat Bill but also to determine whether there is a right to abortion in the South Carolina Constitution more generally.

In providing this Notice, the State separately moved this Court to facilitate the transfer of this case to the South Carolina Supreme Court on its own initiative. In support of its Motion, the State cited *Ravenel v. Dekle*, 265 S.C. 364, 218 S.E.2d 521 (1974) and other authorities contained in its Joint Petition.

Consistent with those authorities, this Court hereby grants the State's Motion to the extent it seeks to facilitate the transfer of this matter to the South Carolina Supreme Court. Accordingly, this Court respectfully requests that the Supreme Court consider removing this case to its original jurisdiction and consolidating this case with the above-referenced Joint Petition. *See Ravenel v. Dekle*, 265 S.C. 364, 367, 218 S.E.2d 521, 522 (1974).

Further, proceedings in this Court are hereby stayed pending the resolution of the Joint Petition for Original Jurisdiction. The hearing scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2022, is canceled.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED

[Electronic signature of L. Casey Manning Circuit Court Judge follows]



Richland Common Pleas

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defendant, et al
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So Ordered

s/L. Casey Manning, 2061