

Lynn Shuler Teague et al
PLAINTIFF(S)

House Legislative Rules Committee Of The Sc House Of Rep et al
DEFENDANT(S)

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ACTION DISMISSED (*CHECK REASON*):** Rule 12(b), SCRPC; Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);
 Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (*CHECK REASON*):** Rule 40(j), SCRPC; Bankruptcy;
 Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;
 Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (*CHECK APPLICABLE BOX*):**
 Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded;
 Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court:

On May 20, 2026, a hearing was held on Plaintiffs' Emergency Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order with the Honorable Daniel Coble presiding. After hearing all arguments of counsel, the Court took this matter under advisement.
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ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case. See Page 2 for additional information.

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Court Reporter:

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After careful consideration of all arguments presented, the Court DENIES the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order.

The South Carolina Constitution expressly establishes that “each house shall ... determine its rules of procedure.” S.C. Const. art. III, § 12. This “constitutional mandate” provides that “each house in the General Assembly determines its rules of procedure free from interference from the judicial and executive branches.” Bd. of Trs. of Sch. Dist. of Fairfield Cnty. v. State, 395 S.C. 276, 279, 718 S.E.2d 210, 211 (2011).

As it is constitutionally empowered to do so, the South Carolina House of Representatives has adopted House Rule 4.4, which provides, in part, as follows: “A committee should give a minimum of twenty-four hour advance notice for all committee meetings. Provided, however, in case of necessity due to exigent circumstances, the Speaker, in his sole discretion, may waive the twenty-four hour advance notice requirements herein. Committee chairmen must notify the committee members of all meetings. Failure of notice of any meeting shall not invalidate committee action unless bad faith is shown...” House Rule 4.4. This House Rule was modified recently to expressly grant the Speaker this authority, and this Rule was properly adopted by the House.

Plaintiffs' motion raises a purely political question that is nonjusticiable, and judicial intervention would violate well-established separation of powers principles.

While the separation of powers issue is wholly dispositive here, the FOIA provisions cited by Plaintiffs are not applicable here, because this Court holds that South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act statute does not apply to the complained of resolution.

As stated at oral arguments, the Chief Administrative Judge for Common Pleas will retain jurisdiction of any Congressional redistricting related actions filed in Richland County Court of Common Pleas, if necessary.



Richland Common Pleas

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So Ordered

s/ Daniel Coble, 2774