

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
CASE NO. SC18-67

CITIZENS FOR STRONG
SCHOOLS, INC., *et al.*,

Petitioners,

v.

FLORIDA STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION, *et al.*,

Respondents.

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**NOTICE BY SENATE PRESIDENT AND HOUSE SPEAKER
OF AUTOMATIC CONTINUANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 11.111, F.S.**

The President of the Florida Senate and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives are two of the respondents in this matter, and they hereby give notice that, pursuant to section 11.111, *Florida Statutes*, this case should stand continued during the 2018 regular session of the Florida Legislature, which runs from January 9, 2018, through March 9, 2018, and should remain continued for a period of 15 days subsequent to the conclusion of that regular session.

Any court proceeding “*shall* stand continued, without the continuance being charged against any party during any session of the Legislature and for a period of time 15 days prior to any session of the Legislature and 15 days subsequent to the conclusion of any session of the Legislature . . . when either attorney representing the litigants is a legislator or when a member of the Legislature is a party or

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witness” § 11.111, Fla. Stat. (emphasis supplied). This Court has upheld the predecessor to this statute as “not only reasonable but necessary to the proper functioning of the Legislature.” *See Brooks v. Pan Am. Loan Co.*, 65 So. 2d 481, 483 (Fla. 1953).

Here, of course, the Senate President and House Speaker are members of the Florida Legislature, and the statute provides that the continuance should automatically commence upon filing this notice with the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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