

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. SC19-329

MARY BETH JACKSON,

Petitioner,

v.

HON. RON DESANTIS, in his official capacity as Governor of Florida,

Respondent.

**GOVERNOR'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW
AND DISPOSITION**

Respondent, Governor Ron DeSantis, by and through the undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this Honorable Court for expedited review and disposition of this matter and further states as support:

1. Petitioner filed her Emergency Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto on March 1, 2019, requesting expeditious review because Executive Order 19-13, affecting Petitioner, was pending before the Florida Senate in a removal/reinstatement proceeding. Pet. at 4, 8.

2. As of the date of this Motion, Respondent and Petitioner have filed with this Court their respective legal briefs, as ordered by this Court's Scheduling Order dated March 5, 2019. No other briefing material is anticipated.

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3. Neither Respondent nor Petitioner have requested oral argument under Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.320.

4. Article IV, section 7, of the Florida Constitution, charges the Florida Senate with the exclusive authority to review an executive order of suspension for removal or reinstatement. Pursuant to the Florida Senate's procedural rules, the current proceeding on Executive Order 19-13, affecting Petitioner, has been abated due to the initiation of the Emergency Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto. *See* Florida Senate Rule 12.9(2). The Florida Senate proceedings only continue after "the final determination of a court challenge ... and the exhaustion of all appellate remedies." *Id.* As of the date of this Motion, the Florida Senate is scheduled to adjourn its regular session business on May 3, 2019.

5. Respondent respectfully requests that this Court expedite its review and disposition of this matter. The parties have briefed the legal issue to this Court, and neither party has requested oral argument. Alternatively, if oral argument is requested by this Court, Respondent respectfully requests setting oral argument on an expedited basis.

6. The undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for Petitioner and is authorized to represent that Petitioner does not object to this Motion for expedited review and disposition.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests this Court expedite its

review and disposition of this matter or, in the alternative, set oral argument on an expediated basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that the foregoing motion is in Times New Roman 14-point font and complies with requirements of Rule 9.210(a)(2), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, and that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic service through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal this 2nd day of April 2019, to the following:

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