## The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Curtis M. Loftis, Jr., State Treasurer, Petitioner,

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Thomas C. Alexander, President of the South Carolina Senate, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2025-000685

ORDER

Petitioner asks this Court to hear an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in its original jurisdiction in an expedited manner. He asks for a declaration that the State Treasurer, as a statewide elected official, is not subject to removal from office under article XV, section 3 of the South Carolina Constitution, and for an injunction prohibiting the removal proceedings against him, scheduled for April 21, 2025, by the Senate. Pending resolution of this matter, Petitioner requests a preliminary injunction enjoining the removal proceedings. Respondent consents to this Court accepting the matter in our original jurisdiction but moves to dismiss the action.

We grant Petitioner's petition for original jurisdiction and expedited consideration. Respondent's motion to dismiss is granted without prejudice because this matter is not yet ripe for the Court's consideration. See In re Treatment & Care of Luckabaugh, 351 S.C. 122, 146, 568 S.E.2d 338, 350 (2002) (declining to declare the Sexually Violent Predator Act unconstitutional because Luckabaugh had never been adjudicated as a sexually violent predator).

Petitioner's request for a preliminary injunction and his counsel's request for protection are denied as moot.

John Kittelse	C.J.
John Camon Few	J.
Lower	J.
D. Ham In	J.
State H. Verdi	J.

Columbia, South Carolina April 17, 2025

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