### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

### GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION No. 24-CVS-003534-910

**LEGISLATIVE DEFENDANTS'** 

MOTION TO DISMISS

BEVERLY BARD, RICHARD LEVY, SUSAN KING COPE, ALLEN WELLONS, LINDA MINOR, THOMAS W. ROSS, SR., MARIE GORDON, SARAH KATHERINE SCHULTZ, JOSEPH J. OCCIA, TIMOTHY S. EMRY, and JAMES G. ROWE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, ALAN HIRSCH, in his official capacity as Chair of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, JEFF CARMON III in his official capacity as Secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, STACY "FOUR" EGGERS in his official capacity as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, SIOBHAN O'DUFFY MILLEN in her official capacity as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, KEVIN N. LEWIS in his official capacity as a Member of the North Carolina State Board of Elections. PHILLIP E. BERGER in his official capacity as President Pro Tem of the North Carolina Senate, and TIMOTHY K. MOORE in his official capacity as Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives,

Defendants.

# NOW COME Defendants Philip E. Berger, in his official capacity as President *Pro Tempore* of the North Carolina Senate, and Timothy K. Moore, in his official capacity as Speaker of the North Carolina House ("Legislative Defendants"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and without waiving any motions or defenses not set out herein, respectfully move the Court to

dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint in the above-captioned matter pursuant to Rule 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6)

of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiffs' Complaint should be dismissed with prejudice for lack of subject matter jurisdiction and failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted as Plaintiffs' Claim for Relief is non-justiciable.

Respectfully submitted, this the 6th day of March, 2024.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Phillip J. Strach, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document upon

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This the 6th day of March, 2024.

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