



STATE OF FLORIDA

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December 20, 2011

The Honorable Kurt S. Browning
Florida Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Browning:

On December 13, 2011, the trial judge in *Shapiro, et al. v. Browning*, Case No. 2011-CA-1892, held that the ballot statement corresponding to the legislatively proposed constitutional amendment entitled "Religious Freedom" (Amendment 7) is ambiguous and misleading in violation of Florida law and enjoined its placement on the November 2012 general election ballot.

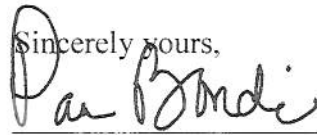
As you know, the Department of State is a defendant as well as the Attorney General, who intervened in defense of the matter. Both defendants have now decided to decline an appeal of this decision for the purpose of invoking the rewrite provisions of section 101.161(3)(b)(2), Florida Statutes. These actions have triggered my responsibility under this law to correct the ballot statement deficiency identified by the court within 10 days. In accordance with this obligation, I have prepared and hereby submit to the Department of State the following revised ballot statement that corrects the deficiency in the manner proposed by the court's order of summary final judgment:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 3

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. – Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding, or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United

States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Bondi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

Pam Bondi

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