IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

CONGRESSWOMAN CORRINE BROWN, JOHNNY BROWN, THEODORE BROWN, MARY LAWSON BROWN, MARY L. GEORGE, CRYSTAL R. BROWN, JUSTIN CAMPBELL, CAS

Case No.: 4:15-cy-00398-MW-

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Plaintiffs,

vs.

KEN DETZNER, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of the State of Florida, THE FLORIDA SENATE and THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' PARTIALLY UNOPPOSED MOTION TO FILE FIRST AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Congresswoman Corrine Brown, by and through undersigned counsel and pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 15(a)(2) and N.D. Fla.Loc.R. 15.1, hereby moves this Honorable Court for leave to file an amended complaint in this cause and states as follows:

- 1. On August 12, 2015, Plaintiff filed her initial Verified Complaint. (Doc. 1).
- 2. On September 8, 2015, this case was stayed. (Doc. 26).

- 3. Due to subsequent events, Plaintiff now needs to amend her complaint. A copy of Plaintiffs' Partially Unopposed First Amended Verified Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 4. Opposing counsel for Defendants Senate, House and Defendant-Intervenors have indicated that they would not oppose Plaintiff amending her complaint. Opposing counsel for Defendant Secretary of State has indicated that he takes no position until he sees the Amended Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant Plaintiff leave to file Plaintiffs' First Amended Verified Complaint.

MEMORANDUM OF LAW

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2) provides in pertinent part: "[A] party may amend its pleading only with the opposing party's written consent or the Court's leave. The Court should freely give leave when justice so requires." Accordingly, given there have been no previous amendments have filed, justice requires that the Court grant the instant motion for leave to file an amended complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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