

In The
Supreme Court of the United States

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LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN
AMERICAN CITIZENS, *et al.*,

Appellants,

v.

RICK PERRY, *et al.*,

Appellees.

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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, *et al.*,

Appellants,

v.

RICK PERRY, *et al.*,

Appellees.

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**On Appeal From The
United States District Court
For The Eastern District Of Texas**

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A
SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF AFTER ORAL
ARGUMENT, AND SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF
IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS**

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
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Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 25.5 and 25.6, appellee Charles Soechting moves for leave to file a supplemental brief in support of appellants, presenting newly enacted legislation that was signed into law on March 1, 2006, the date of oral argument in these consolidated cases. *See* 2006 Georgia Act 436 (Senate Bill 386) (signed into law Mar. 1, 2006), *available at* http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005_06/sum/sb386.htm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF FOR
APPELLEE CHARLES SOECHTING
IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS**

On the very day that this Court was hearing oral argument in the consolidated Texas redistricting cases – Wednesday, March 1, 2006 – the Governor of Georgia signed into law Georgia Senate Bill 386.¹ That bill redrew three state senate districts and split Clarke County and the city of Athens (home of the University of Georgia), both of which had been kept intact under the prior state senate districting plan.² The change was made to boost the prospects of the Republican candidate Bill Cowsert, who is the brother-in-law of the retiring incumbent state senator, by excluding from the district the residence of Cowsert’s leading Democratic opponent, State Representative Jane Kidd of Athens.³

Although the bill passed both chambers of the General Assembly on party-line votes in January 2006, the Senate chose not to send the bill to the Governor for signing until the briefing in this Court’s Texas redistricting cases had closed.⁴

Appellee Charles Soechting believes that this most recent Georgia mid-decade partisan gerrymander is exactly the sort of shenanigans that will become increasingly

¹ See 2006 Georgia Act 436 (Senate Bill 386) (signed into law Mar. 1, 2006), available at http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005_06/sum/sb386.htm [hereinafter “SB386 Web Site”].

² See *id.*

³ See Christopher Quinn, James Salzer & Jim Galloway, *Perdue OKs New Districts That Help GOP Candidates*, Atlanta J. & Const., Mar. 2, 2006, at C4.

⁴ See SB386 Web Site.

commonplace unless this Court reverses the judgment below and subjects to strict scrutiny all off-cycle redistricting plans adopted under conditions of single-party control.

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