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*In the matter of the Illegality of Senate Reapportionment Act*

Case no. 66-010

1 FEBRUARY 2024

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Chief Justice Wetta, on behalf of a unanimous Court, issues the following interim order in response to the appeal submitted to the Court by Vishnu Avva on January 25, 2024. *This order is an informal and emergency response to the formal request of the appeal provided to the Court.* A comprehensive opinion on this matter will be provided at a later date.

On January 25, 2024, the Supreme Court received a memorandum from Vishnu Avva, an Association member, regarding the constitutionality of the Senate Reapportionment Act. Avva contends that the Act violates Article IX of the Constitution and Article IX, Chapter 9, Section 1, Clause 3 of the bylaws, and seeks the following relief:

1. Declare passage of the Senate Seat Reapportionment Act illegal due to failure to achieve the required 7% turnout; AND
2. Declare the Elections Commission cannot adopt and enact the Senate Seat Reapportionment Act; AND
3. Clarify which body has jurisdiction over election appeals directly relating to the constitutionality of such elections, be it the Elections Commission or Supreme Court; AND
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requirement for a 7% turnout is interpreted to apply solely