



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Kathleen Passidomo
SUBJECT: Update on Executive Order of Suspension 22-176, Mr. Andrew Warren, State Attorney of the 13th Judicial Circuit
DATE: January 20, 2023

This morning Judge Hinkle of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District dismissed the legal challenge initiated by Mr. Andrew Warren, challenging the Governor's Executive Order of Suspension. The order is attached for your reference.

As a reminder, Senate Rule 12.9 states, in relevant part, that the Senate process regarding the executive suspension shall be held in abeyance and the matter shall not be considered by the Senate until final determination of a court challenge and the exhaustion of all appellate remedies. As such, the matter of Mr. Warren's reinstatement or removal from office by the Florida Senate remains held in abeyance until a final determination of the litigation has been rendered and all appellate remedies have been exhausted. Mr. Warren has been asked to keep Mr. Rey, Senate General Counsel, updated regarding the progress of the aforementioned litigation.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.16, since we are tasked to sit in judgment of the merits of an executive suspension order, Senators should refrain from speaking publicly about the merits or substance of any suspension order prior to final action by the Senate.

I will continue to keep you posted on any developments. Thank you for your attention to this important constitutional responsibility of the Senate.