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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

05-OC-1191

**ROBERT M. MARIONNEAUX, JR., AND LEE JOSEPH
"JODY" AMEDEE, III**

versus

**DONALD E. "DON" HINES, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND
ARTHUR J. LENTINI, PARLIAMENTARIAN OF THE SENATE**

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT

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For the reasons to be recited in an opinion to follow, judgment is rendered in favor of plaintiffs and against defendants on plaintiffs' petition for declaratory judgment. Accordingly, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that there be judgment herein declaring that "elected members" or "members elected" as that term is used in the Louisiana Constitution in referring to the members of the Senate means the entire membership authorized to be elected, regardless of any vacancies, so that the current number of "elected members" or "members elected" of the Senate is thirty-nine.

Any application for rehearing in the matter shall be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 13, 2005.