

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

**FLORIDA STATE CONFERENCE  
OF THE NAACP, et. al.,**

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

**Case No.: 4:21cv187-MW/MAF**

**LAUREL M. LEE, in her official  
capacity as Florida Secretary of  
State, et al.,**

*Defendants,*

**and**

**NATIONAL REPUBLICAN  
SENATORIAL COMMITTEE and  
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE,**

*Intervenor-Defendants.*

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
FOR LEAVE TO FILE AS AMICUS CURIAE**

The District of Columbia and the states of New York, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington move to file a brief in this case as amicus curiae. ECF No. 311.

“[D]istrict courts possess the inherent authority to appoint ‘friends of the court’ to assist in their proceedings.” *In re Bayshore Ford Trucks Sales, Inc.*, 471 F.3d 1233, 1249 n.34 (11th Cir. 2006) (citations omitted). “An amicus is not a party to the litigation, but rather participates for the benefit of the court only.” *A.R. v. Dudek*, 13-61576-CIV-ROSENBAUM/HUNT, 2014 WL 12519764, at \*4 (S.D. Fla. Apr. 7, 2014).

This Court has considered the states’ proposed brief, its relevance in this matter, and the experience and qualifications of the moving states, and concludes that the states’ brief may aid in this Court’s deliberations over this case. Accordingly, the motion is **GRANTED**, and the amicus curiae brief attached to the motion, ECF No. 311-1, is accepted as filed.

**SO ORDERED on December 6, 2021.**

**s/Mark E. Walker**  
**Chief United States District Judge**