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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

JUSTICE JIM RICE,

Petitioner,

v.

THE MONTANA STATE
LEGISLATURE, by Senator Mark
Blasdel, President of the Senate, and
Representative Wylie Galt, Speaker of
the House of Representatives,

Respondents.

Cause No.: BDV-2021-451

DECLARTORY RELIEF
PETITION BRIEFING ORDER

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This Court has before it Justice Rice's Declaratory Relief Petition
filed on April 19, 2021. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Justice Rice's initial brief shall be filed on or before
August 2, 2021.

1 2. The Montana State Legislature's response brief shall be filed
2 on or before **September 3, 2021**.

3 3. Justice Rice's reply brief shall be filed on or before
4 **October 1, 2021**.

5 4. Justice Rice shall file a notice of submittal when he files his
6 reply brief or upon the expiration of this briefing schedule.

7 5. Oral argument will only be set at the request of counsel and
8 must be included in the requesting party's initial brief.

9 6. If oral argument is held, each party shall be given thirty
10 minutes to argue their positions.

11 ORDERED this 3rd day of June 2021.

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15 MICHAEL F. McMAHON
16 District Court Judge

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