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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF RIDGEWAY

No. ____

IN RE RIDING CIRCUIT AMENDMENT ACT

[May 22, 2022]

PER CURIAM.

The founders of our Nation, and likewise the founders of this very State confessed a very strong and revolutionary idea that the power of our government ought to be separated. This separation of powers is what differentiates our great American experiment versus the parliamentary systems of western Europe. This is affirmed by our Constitution in Art. II. § V, which states, “The Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary departments, shall be separate and distinct, so that neither exercise the powers properly belonging to the others.” The purpose of this clause is simple, to prevent the usurpation of power and authority to regulate one branch of government by another. Now, our framers did in fact also believe in checks and balances. That is why in Art. V. Sec. IX, they gave an authority to the Senate that “Any rule adopted by the Supreme Court may be revised by the Senate.” This authority and grant of power however, does not grant the legislature regulatory abilities over the court, nor for the ability to promulgate any additional rules. The language of the Constitution, where otherwise vague, is clear and unambiguous in this clause because it is to prevent a certain sinister form of judicial tyranny from encroaching upon the citizenry. It is a necessary check, but check is much different than the ability to act therein. The

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act of the legislature is nothing more than a disregard of the constitutional authority of the judiciary to act as the judiciary and control its own. We cannot purport the ideas of separate powers without defending the encroachments on our own.

Therefore, The Riding Circuit Amendment Act of 2022 (S.20) is voided as it is repugnant to the Constitution and outside the legislative authority of the Senate. It shall not be enforced by the court.

It is so ordered.