

# Supreme Court of the United States

No.

08A138

HERBERT J. HOFFMAN,

Applicant,

v.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE, ET AL.

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## ORDER

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UPON CONSIDERATION of the application of counsel for the applicant,

IT IS ORDERED that John Knutson and the Maine Department of the Secretary of State are directed to respond to the federal constitutional issue raised by the Application for Stay, by the close of business on Tuesday, August 19, 2008. All parties are requested to address the practical effect of a stay, without more, of the judgment of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine in this case and (if a stay would not result in placement of petitioner Hoffman's name on the ballot) the process for the interim relief sought and standards of entitlement to it; petitioner Hoffman may file a supplement dealing with these issues, of no more than five (5) pages of text comparable to that of the pending petition.

/s/ David H. Souter  
Associate Justice of the Supreme  
Court of the United States

Dated this 15th  
day of August 2008.