



**SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
ORAL ARGUMENT CALENDAR  
SPECIAL SESSION—SAN FRANCISCO  
JANUARY 10, 2012**

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012—9:00 A.M.**

***(1) Julie Vandermost v. Debra Bowen, as Secretary of State, etc. (Citizens Redistricting Commission, Intervener), S198387***

#11-137 Vandermost v. Bowen, S198387. Original proceeding. The court issued an order to show cause directing the parties to brief and argue the following issues: In addition to addressing issues relating to what relief, if any, this court should order in the event the referendum regarding the Senate redistricting map qualifies for the November 2012 ballot, the parties are directed to address the following jurisdictional issues:

(1) What standard or test should this court apply in determining whether a referendum is “likely to qualify” within the meaning of article XXI, section 3, subdivision (b)(2) of the California Constitution, for purposes of deciding when a petition for writ of mandate may be filed in this court under that constitutional provision? (2) Is this court’s authority to entertain a petition for writ of mandate prior to the formal qualification of a referendum petition limited to the circumstances set forth in article XXI, section 3, subdivision (b)(2), or does this court have other authority (including inherent authority) to entertain such a petition even if it cannot yet be determined whether such a referendum is “likely to qualify” for placement on the ballot?