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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 04-C-2182

CHARLES N. BRANTON

VERSUS

**BRYAN D. HAGGERTY, VINCENT LOBELLO, and MALISE PRIETO,
Clerk of Court, Parish of St. Tammany**

**ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEAL
FIRST CIRCUIT, PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY**

Per Curiam

WRIT GRANTED. The lower courts erred as a matter of law. The lower courts' reliance upon *Cook v. Campbell*, 360 So.2d 1193 (La. App. 2d Cir. 1978), *writ denied*, 362 So.2d 573 (La. 1978), is misplaced. The *Cook* case concerned a constitutional judgeship for the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court for Bossier and Webster Parishes, whereas the case presently before us concerns a statutorily created judgeship for the Slidell City Court. For the reasons assigned in the dissenting opinion in the Court of Appeal by Judge Parro, the lower courts' judgments are reversed and set aside. Judgment is hereby rendered declaring candidates Bryan D. Haggerty and Vincent Lobello not qualified to run for the office of Judge, City Court of Slidell.