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**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**No. 17-KH-0978**

**STATE EX REL. JOSEPH LLOYD WARD**

**v.**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE NINTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF RAPIDES**

**PER CURIAM:**

Writ granted in part. The court of appeal is ordered to allow relator a reasonable amount of time to supplement his application with the appropriate supporting documentation and to consider his pro se filing on the merits. *Cf. State ex rel. Johnson v. Maggio*, 440 So.2d 1336, 1337 (La. 1983) (*pro se* petitioner “is not to be denied access to the courts for review of his case on the merits by the overzealous application of form and pleading requirements or hyper-technical interpretations of court rules.”).