**ELECTION LITIGATION**

The legislature of [state] shall have legal standing to bring suit against state government officials including, but not limited to, the governor, secretary of state, or any state election official who makes or attempts to make unauthorized changes in state election laws and regulations or to waive such laws or regulations including through settlement agreements or consent decrees.

In addition, the [state] legislature shall be classified as a necessary party in any lawsuit against any state agency or department or state government officials, including, but not limited to, the governor, secretary of state, or any state election official, contesting the legality or constitutionality of any election law or regulation or involving any illegal or unauthorized changes or attempted changes to any state election law or regulation.

Any individual validly registered in [state] may file a writ of mandamus, in accordance with state law governing such writs, against any state or local official who fails to abide by or to enforce a state election law or regulatory requirement. In the case of any contested election occurring in [state], as long as said writ of mandamus is filed within 30 days of the conclusion of tabulation of such votes, it shall be considered timely filed.