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### **THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT WILL EXAMINE THE AMPARO APPEAL FILED BY JOVÉ LLADÓ AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF BARCELONA WHICH REJECTED HIS MOTION TO DISQUALIFY THE JUDGE HEARING HIS CASE**

The Plenary Session of the Constitutional Court has, by unanimity, resolved to grant leave to proceed to the appeal for constitutional protection (*“recurso de amparo”*) filed by Josep María Jové Lladó against a decision of the Provincial Court of Barcelona (*“Audiencia Provincial”*). This decision had rejected the appellant’s motion to disqualify the substitute judge of the Investigation Court No.13 of the City of Barcelona, who currently instructs the case in relation to the “1-O” referendum.

The appellant considers that his right to a fair trial with full guarantees, as established under articles 24.1 and 24.2 of the Spanish Constitution, may have been violated.

In its ruling, the Constitutional Court considered that *“[this appeal] fulfils the procedural requirement of special constitutional relevance because it raises an issue or affects a facet of a fundamental right on which there is no case-law of this Court”*.

Madrid, 19 November 2018