

**FORMAL ORDER**

STATE OF ARKANSAS, )  
 )  
SUPREME COURT )

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** THAT A SESSION OF THE SUPREME COURT BEGUN AND HELD, ON JULY 23, 2024, WAS THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, TO-WIT:

SUPREME COURT CASE NO. CV-24-455

LAUREN COWLES, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF ARKANSANS FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT, A BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTE PETITIONER

V. AN ORIGINAL ACTION

JOHN THURSTON, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF STATE RESPONDENT

PETITIONERS’ ORIGINAL ACTION COMPLAINT AND MOTION TO EXPEDITE AND FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF. RESPONDENT’S MOTION TO DISMISS.

MOTION TO EXPEDITE GRANTED.

ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE IS ORDERED TO PERFORM THE INITIAL COUNT OF SIGNATURES COLLECTED BY VOLUNTEER CANVASSERS ACCORDING TO A.C.A. 7-9-126(a) BY MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024, AT 9:00AM. THE COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ISSUE FURTHER ORDERS AND PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

KEMP, C.J., AND BAKER AND HUDSON, JJ., WOULD ORDER RESPONDENT, SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PERFORM AN INITIAL COUNT OF SIGNATURES AND A VERIFICATION ANALYSIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.C.A. 7-9-126; AND ORDER THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROVIDE THE FINDINGS OF SECTION 7-9-126 REVIEW TO THIS COURT BY MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024, AT 3:00PM.

KEMP, C.J., AND BAKER AND HUDSON, JJ., WOULD GRANT IN PART THE MOTION FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND GRANT PETITIONER A THIRTY-DAY PROVISIONAL CURE PERIOD TO COMMENCE ON THE DATE OF THIS ORDER. SEE *MILLER V. THURSTON*, 2020 ARK. 262 (PER CURIAM). BRIEFING SCHEDULE, DECISION ON MOTION TO DISMISS, AND APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL MASTER FOR FACT-FINDING, IF NECESSARY, WOULD FOLLOW THIS COURT’S RECEIPT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE SECTION 7-9-126 REVIEW BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

IN TESTIMONY, THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF  
THE ORDER OF SAID SUPREME COURT, RENDERED IN  
THE CASE HEREIN STATED, I, KYLE E. BURTON,  
CLERK OF SAID SUPREME COURT, HEREUNTO  
SET MY HAND AND AFFIX THE SEAL OF SAID  
SUPREME COURT, AT MY OFFICE IN THE CITY OF  
LITTLE ROCK, THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY, 2024.

*Kyle E. Burton*  
CLERK

CC: PETER SCHULTS, STEVEN SHULTS, AND AMANDA ORCUTT  
NICHOLAS J. BRONNI, SOLICITOR GENERAL  
DYLAN L. JACOBS, DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL  
ASHER STEINBERG, SENIOR ASSISTANT SOLICITOR GENERAL