FORMAL ORDER

STATE OF ARKANSAS,)

)

SUPREME COURT)

BE IT REMEMBERED, THAT A SESSION OF THE SUPREME COURT BEGUN AND HELD, ON OCTOBER 2, 2024, WAS THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, TO-WIT:

SUPREME COURT CASE NO. CV-24-652

BILL PASCHALL, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF ARKANSANS FOR PATIENT ACCESS, A BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE — PETITIONERS

V. AN ORIGINAL ACTION

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

PROTECT ARKANSAS KIDS, A BALLOT-QUESTION COMMITTEE; AND JIM BELL, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF PROTECT ARKANSAS KIDS — INTERVENORS

PETITIONERS' MOTION TO EXPEDITE IS GRANTED.

PETITIONERS' MOTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL MASTER IS DENIED.

PETITIONERS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION IS GRANTED.

MOTION OF PROTECT ARKANSAS KIDS AND JIM BELL TO INTERVENE AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IS GRANTED.

INTERVENORS' MOTION TO EXPEDITE AND SHORTEN RESPONSE TIME TO MOTION TO INTERVENE IS GRANTED.

INTERVENORS' MOTION FOR SEPARATE BRIEFING IS DENIED.

INTERVENORS' MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IS GRANTED.

PETITIONERS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY TO RESPONDENT'S RESPONSE TO MOTION TO EXPEDITE, APPOINT SPECIAL MASTER, AND FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION IS DENIED. WOMACK, J., WOULD GRANT.

THE ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE IS ORDERED TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN VERIFYING THE (~18,000) REMAINING SIGNATURES SUBMITTED DURING THE CURE PERIOD UNTIL THE 90,704 THRESHOLD OR JUST BEYOND IS MET. THE ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE IS ORDERED TO FILE A REPORT AND NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024, AT 12:00PM.

SIMULTANEOUS BRIEFING COMMENCED. PETITIONERS', RESPONDENT'S, AND INTERVENORS' SIMULTANEOUS OPENING BRIEFS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024, AT 4:00PM. PETITIONERS', RESPONDENT'S, AND INTERVENORS' SIMULTANEOUS RESPONSIVE BRIEFS ARE DUE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024, AT 12:00PM. ALL BRIEFS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE EXISTING WORD-COUNT LIMITATIONS AND NO REPLY BRIEFS SHALL BE FILED.

KEMP, C.J., AND HUDSON, J., NOT PARTICIPATING.

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 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.



Kyle E. Burton

CLERK

CC: STEPHEN R. LANCASTER, GARY D. MARTS, JR., ERIKA GEE AND ELIZABETH A. KIMBRELL
NICHOLAS J. BRONNI, SOLICITOR GENERAL
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