

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS**

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS OF ARKANSAS,  
ARKANSAS UNITED, DORTHA  
DUNLAP, LEON KAPLAN, NELL  
MATTHEWS MOCK, JEFFERY  
RUST, and PATSY WATKINS,**

**PLAINTIFFS**

**V. No. 60CV-21-3138**

**JOHN THURSTON, in his official  
capacity as the Secretary of State  
of Arkansas,  
and WENDY BRANDON, SHARON  
BROOKS, JAMIE CLEMMER,  
BILENDA  
HARRIS-RITTER, WILLIAM LUTHER, and  
J. HARMON SMITH, in their official  
capacities as members of the  
Arkansas State Board of  
Election Commissioners,**

**DEFENDANTS**

**ORDER GRANTING PERMANENT  
INJUNCTION**

Before the Court is the Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. Plaintiffs challenge four laws enacted by the 93rd General Assembly: Acts 736, 973, 239, and 728 (collectively, the "Challenged Provisions").

On March 15-18, 2022, the parties tried this matter before the Court.

The parties presented evidence through live testimony, documentary exhibits, and deposition recordings. After considering the testimony, documentary evidence, pleadings, legal memoranda, and oral argument, and for the reasons articulated in the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law entered on March 24, 2022, the Court concludes that (1) all four Challenged Provisions (Acts 736, 973, 249, and 728) violate the Free and Equal Elections Clause, Ark. Const. art. 2 § 3, and the Equal Protection Clause, Ark. Const. art. 2 § 3; (2) Acts 736 and 973 violate the Voter Qualifications Clause, Ark. Const. art. 2 § 1; (3) Act 249 violates Section 19 of Amendment 51; and (4) Act 728 violates the rights to freedom of speech and assembly in the Arkansas Constitution, Ark. Const. art. 2 § 4; Ark. Const. art. 2 § 6.

Accordingly, pursuant to Arkansas Rule of Civil Procedure 65, the Court PERMANENTLY ENJOINS Defendants, as well as their respective officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and any other persons who are in active concert or participation with the parties and the parties' officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, from enforcing or conducting any activities pursuant to Acts 736, 973, 249, or 728.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 24th day of March 2022.



Hon. Wendell Griffen  
Circuit Judge

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