

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

FILED

12/08/2023

Clerk of the
Appellate Courts

GARY WYGANT, ET AL. v. BILL LEE, GOVERNOR, ET AL.

**Chancery Court for Davidson County
No. 22-0287-IV**

No. M2023-01686-SC-R3-CV

ORDER

On November 29, 2023, plaintiff Gary Wygant filed a notice of appeal in this matter. On November 30, 2023, defendants Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, Tre Hargett, Secretary of State, and Mark Goins, Tennessee Coordinator of Elections, also filed a notice of appeal. On December 1, 2023, Mr. Wygant filed a motion to expedite his appeal, which the defendants oppose. On December 5, 2023, this Court ordered the Davidson County Clerk and Master to prepare and file a record on appeal by December 8, 2023, while reserving a ruling on Mr. Wygant's motion to expedite. On the same day, the Davidson County Clerk and Master requested an extension to file the record on or before December 15, 2023, due to the volume of the record. Also on December 5, 2023, plaintiff Francie Hunt, whose claim is at issue in the defendants' notice of appeal, filed a motion for an expedited appeal, which the defendants oppose. Separately, the defendants filed on December 5, 2023, a motion to stay the lower court's order that entered judgment in favor of Ms. Hunt and ordered the General Assembly to adopt a new reapportionment plan for the Tennessee Senate. Ms. Hunt has filed a response in opposition to the defendants' motion to stay.

The Court has carefully considered the arguments of the parties and the relevant timing considerations. Upon due consideration, the defendants' motion to stay is **GRANTED** and the plaintiffs' motions to expedite are **DENIED**. The Davidson County Clerk and Master may file the record on appeal in accordance with the requirements of Tennessee Rule of Appellate Procedure 25.

PER CURIAM