

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

**DEBORAH SPRINGER SUTTLAR, JUDY GREEN, FRED LOVE,
in his individual and official capacity as State Representative,
KWAMI ABDUL-BEY, CLARICE ABDUL-BEY, and
PAULA WITHERS,**

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

CASE NO. 60CV-22-1849

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

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Comes now before the Court the parties' Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings, and based on a review of the materials submitted to the Court, the files and records of the case, and all other matters considered, the Court **DOTH FIND.**

Following remand from federal district court, the parties each filed motions that would potentially resolve all or some of the merits of this litigation. Defendants have filed a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings (dated September 1, 2022), and Plaintiffs have filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (dated September 1, 2022), (the "Pending Motions"). The outcome of the Court's decision on the Pending Motions will materially affect the issues presented for trial. Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the proceedings be stayed until the Court resolves the

Pending Motions. The parties respectfully request that the Court decide the Pending Motions expeditiously, given that the Plaintiffs have requested relief ahead of the 2024 congressional elections, and thus time is of the essence in this litigation.

The parties also request that the Court continue the current trial date and direct the parties to consult with chambers and select a trial date later this year. The parties have conferred and agree to request that the trial date be continued until July 2023, subject to the Court's availability.

The Court finds that the Motion should be, and is hereby, ordered GRANTED. Proceedings are hereby STAYED pending the Court's forthcoming ruling on the Pending Motions.

The bench trial currently set to begin April 17, 2023, is CONTINUED to a four-day setting beginning July 11, 2023.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

HERBERT T. WRIGHT, JR. – CIRCUIT JUDGE

DATE

Prepared by:

TIM GRIFFIN
Arkansas Attorney General

DYLAN L. JACOBS (2016167)
Deputy Solicitor General
HANNAH L. TEMPLIN (2021277)
Assistant Solicitor General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
323 Center Street, Suite 200
Little Rock, AR 72201

Ph: (501) 682-2007
Fax: (501) 682-2591
Email: Dylan.Jacobs@ArkansasAG.gov

Counsel for Defendants

Jess Askew III, Ark. Bar No. 86005
McKenzie L. Raub, Ark. Bar No. 2019142
KUTAK ROCK LLP
124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2000
Little Rock, AR 72201-3740
Tel: (501) 975-3141
Fax: (501) 975-3001
jess.askew@kutakrock.com
mckenzie.raub@kutakrock.com

Alexander T. Jones, Ark. Bar No. 2015246
200 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2300
Little Rock, AR 72201-3699
Tel: (501) 212-1241
Fax: (501) 376-9442
alexandertaylorjones@gmail.com

Aria Branch*
Justin Baxenberg*
Aaron M. Mukerjee*
Marilyn Gabriela Robb*
Spencer Klein**
ELIAS LAW GROUP LLP
250 Massachusetts Ave NW, Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20001
Tel: (202) 968-4490
abbranch@elias.law
jbaxenberg@elias.law
amukerjee@elias.law
mrobb@elias.law
sklein@elias.law

**Admitted pro hac vice*

***Pro hac vice application pending*

Counsel for Plaintiffs



Case Title: DEBORAH SPRINGER ET AL V JOHN THURSTON

Case Number: 60CV-22-1849

Type: AGREED ORDER

So Ordered

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Wright", written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Herbert T Wright