

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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BY *[Signature]* D.C.  
PLAINTIFFS

ANN SAUNDERS; SABREEN SHARRIEF;  
and DOROTHY TRIPLETT

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. G2023-421 T/1

HONORABLE MICHAEL K. RANDOLPH, IN HIS  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE  
MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT; ZACK WALLACE,  
IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CIRCUIT CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HINDS COUNTY,  
MISSISSIPPI; and GREG SNOWDEN, IN HIS  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS

DEFENDANTS

AND

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI *EX REL.*  
ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

DEFENDANT-INTERVENOR

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**FINAL ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION  
AND SUPPORTING MEMORANDUM [MEC # 10], GRANTING STATE OF  
MISSISSIPPI *EX REL.* ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH'S MOTION TO DISMISS  
[MEC # 39], AND DISMISSING PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF [MEC #2] AND DISMISSING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND SUPPORTING MEMORANDUM [MEC #10] AND  
DISMISSING PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF [MEC #68]**

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**BEFORE THIS COURT** is the Plaintiffs' *Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Supporting Memorandum* [MEC #10], the *State of Mississippi Ex Rel. Attorney General Lynn Fitch's Response in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Supporting Memorandum* [MEC #10] [MEC #29], the *State of Mississippi Ex Rel. Attorney General Lynn Fitch's Motion to Dismiss* [MEC #39], the *Memorandum of Authorities in Support of State of Mississippi Ex Rel. Attorney General Lynn Fitch's Motion to Dismiss* [MEC #40], the *State of Mississippi Ex Rel. Attorney General Lynn Fitch's Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law* [MEC #46], the *Reply to State of Mississippi Ex Rel. Attorney General Lynn Fitch's Response in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Response to Motion to Dismiss* [MEC #48], the *Plaintiffs' Proposed Findings of Fact* [MEC #49] and *Plaintiffs' Supplemental Memorandum in Support of Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Withdrawal of Claim for Relief* [MEC #60]. This Court held full hearing on the matter on May 10, 2023, allowing all testimony and argument in support of and in opposition thereto. After careful consideration of all pleadings filed, all argument and testimony offered at hearing, as well as all relevant case and statutory law, this Court entered its *Memorandum Opinion and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law* regarding all issues. This Court now enters its *Final Order* in accordance with the same.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUGED AND DECREED THAT in accordance with Rule 65 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, the trial of the action on the merits is hereby advanced and consolidated with the hearing of the application. Miss. R. Civ. P. 65. This Court finds that the

Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, as all claims contained in Plaintiffs' *Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief* [MEC #2] and Plaintiffs' *Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief* [MEC #68] fail. This Court hereby grants Defendants' *Motion* seeking dismissal and hereby denies all relief sought in Plaintiffs' *Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief* [MEC #2], *Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Supporting Memorandum* [MEC #10], and *Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief* [MEC #68] and dismisses all in their respective entireties with prejudice. This matter is immediately ripe for appellate review.

SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



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J. DEWAYNE THOMAS, CHANCELLOR