Cause No. D-1-GN-23-003523

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HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, Plaintiff/Cross-Defendant.

v.

THE STATE OF TEXAS; ANGELA \$

COLMENERO, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS \$

PROVISIONAL ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND JANE \$

NELSON, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS TEXAS \$

SECRETARY OF STATE, \$

Defendants. \$

AND

CLIFFORD TATUM, Intervenor/Cross-Claimant.

AND

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS, Intervenor. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

345th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' PLEA TO THE JURISDICTION

On August 8, 2023, this Court heard Defendants' the State of Texas, Angela Colmenero in her Official Capacity as Provisional Attorney General, and Jane Nelson in her Official Capacity as Texas Secretary of State Plea to the Jurisdiction (the "Plea"). After considering the Plea, the responses filed thereto, and the argument of counsel, the Court has determined that the Plea should be, and is, GRANTED as to the State of Texas and DENIED as to Angela Colmenero in her Official Capacity as Provisional Attorney General and Jane Nelson in her Official Capacity as Texas Secretary of State Plea to the Jurisdiction.

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The Court FINDS that it does not have jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims against the State of Texas. It is THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's claims against the State of Texas are dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

The Court FURTHER FINDS that it has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims against Angela Colmenero in her Official Capacity as Provisional Attorney General and Jane Nelson in her Official Capacity as Texas Secretary of State Plea to the Jurisdiction. It is THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's claims against Angela Colmenero in her Official Capacity as Provisional Attorney General and Jane Nelson in her Official Capacity as Texas Secretary of State Plea to the Jurisdiction remain pending before the Court.

SIGNED this 14th day of August, 2023.

SUDGE PRESIDING
KARIN CRUMP