

**Serial: 250770**

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI**

**No. 2023-M-01272-SCT**

***IN RE: MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN PARTY***

**ORDER**


Before the panel of King, P.J., Coleman and Ishee, JJ., is the Petition for Extraordinary Writ of Prohibition or Mandamus Directed to the Chancery Court for the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, or in the Alternative, for Interlocutory Appeal by Permission. On November 7, 2023, the date of the last general election in Mississippi, the Chancery Court for the First Judicial District of Hinds County entered an order that extended voting hours from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Although the Mississippi Republican Party was not a party to the chancery court action, it seeks this Court's review of the chancery court's order. The Mississippi Republican Party argues that, although the case is moot and although it was not a party, this Court should suspend the Mississippi Rules of Appellate Procedure to allow it to appeal or issue a writ of prohibition or mandamus and dissolve the chancery court order. *See In re McMillin*, 642 So. 2d 1336 (Miss. 1994). This Court may suspend the rules "[i]n the interest of expediting decision, or for other good cause shown . . . ." M.R.A.P. 2(c). Suspending the rules in this case would permit a non-party to obtain review of a moot decision. After due consideration, the panel finds that the petition should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Petition for Extraordinary Writ of Prohibition or Mandamus Directed to the Chancery Court for the First Judicial District of

Hinds County, Mississippi, or in the Alternative, for Interlocutory Appeal by Permission is denied.

SO ORDERED.

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Leslie D. King, Presiding Justice

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