No. 24-60395

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE; MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN PARTY; JAMES PERRY; MATTHEW LAMB Plaintiffs-Appellants

v.

JUSTIN WETZEL, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS THE CLERK AND REGISTRAR OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY; TONI JO DIAZ, IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE HARRISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION; BECKY PAYNE, IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE HARRISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION; BARBARA KIMBALL, IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE HARRISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION; CHRISTENE BRICE, IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE HARRISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION; CAROLYN HANDLER, IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE HARRISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION; MICHAEL WATSON, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Defendants-Appellees

VET VOICE FOUNDATION; MISSISSIPPI ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS, Intervenor Defendants-Appellees

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MISSISSIPPI, Plaintiff-Appellant

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Defendants Appellees

Appeals from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi Nos. 1:24-cv-25-LG-RPM, 1:24-cv-37-LG-RPM

DEFENDANTS-APPELLEES, JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official capacity as the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court of Harrison County and TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY PAYNE, BARBARA KIMBALL, CHRISTENE BRICE, and CAROLYN HANDLER, in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission JOINDER IN DEFENDANT-APPELLEE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE'S RESPONSE BRIEF

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COME NOW DEFENDANTS-APPELLEES, JUSTIN the WETZEL, in his official capacity as the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court of Harrison County and TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY PAYNE, KIMBALL, CHRISTENE BRICE, and BARBARA CAROLYN HANDLER, in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission and pursuant to Rule 28(i) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure joins in and adopts by reference the DEFENDANT-APPEALEE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE'S RESPONSE BRIEF (DKT#131) and APPELLEE'S BRIEF FILED by Mississippi Alliance for Retired Americans and Vet Voice Foundation and likewise request the same relief requested therein.

This the 9^{th} day of September, 2024.

JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official capacity as the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court

of Harrison County, DEFENDANT-APPELLEE

TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY PAYNE, BARBARA KIMBALL, CHRISTENE BRICE, and CAROLYN HANDLER, in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission, DEFENDANTS-APPELLEES

BY AND THROUGH THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tim C. Holleman, Boyce Holleman & Associates, do hereby certify that I have this date filed a copy of the above document with the Court's electronic filing system, which sent a notice to all counsel of record.

This the 9th day of September, 2024.

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This the 9th day of September, 2024.

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