

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS
NO. CV-2024-674

FRANK BARTON, ANITA BELL, &
JAMES PULLIAUM, in their official capacity as the
CRITTENDEN COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS
PETITIONERS/APPELLANTS

VS.

SHIRLEY P. BROWN &
LAVONDA L. TAYLOR
RESPONDENTS/APPELLEES

PETITION FOR AN ACCELERATED APPEAL

Petitioners/appellants, Frank Barton, Anita Bell, and James Pulliaum in their official capacity as Crittenden County Board of Election Commissioners, petition this court for an accelerated appeal from order of the Circuit Court of Crittenden County, Arkansas entered on September 30, 2024. This order granted mandamus relief and ordered respondents/appellants, Crittenden County Board of Election Commissioners, to conduct early voting for 2024 General Election at the West Memphis Seventh Street Church of Christ in West Memphis, Arkansas at the direction of Crittenden County County Clerk in alleged reliance on Ark. Code Ann §7-5-418(a)(1)(A).

Petitioners/appellants make this request pursuant to rule 6-1(b) of the Rules of the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals as supported by per curiam

opinion of the Arkansas Supreme Court in Judd v. Martin, 2013 Ark. 136, 2013 Ark. Lexis 152, 2013 WL 1279080.

Petitioners/appellants do not request oral argument because they request expedited relief before early voting begins on October 21, 2024. Alternatively, Petitioners seek a stay of September 30, 2024 Order of the Circuit Court per Rule 6-1(c) pursuant to principal of law set forth in Purcell v. Gonzalez 549 U.S. 1 (2006), that Courts should not interfere with conduct of elections close to elections.

This is not an unreasonable request because appellees received the relief, they sought per Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 78 by receiving a hearing within four (4) days after mandamus was sought on September 19, 2024 and appellants cooperated by filing a response without service due to the Circuit Court setting a hearing for September 23, 2024 on September 20, 2024 (RP84).

Petitioners have filed the certified record from the Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk, and court reporter's transcript of Circuit Court proceedings on September 23, 2024 and September 25, 2024.

Petitioners/appellants' brief is being filed contemporaneously with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

Petitioners/Appellants Frank Barton,
Anita Bell and James Pulliaum in
their official capacity as the

Crittenden County Board of Election
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Petitioners/appellants Frank Barton, Anita Bell and James Pulliaum, in their Official Capacity as the Crittenden County Board of Election Commissioners by their attorneys Rogers & Coe, do hereby certify that they served a copy of this pleading on respondents/appellees, Shirley P. Brown and Lavonda L. Taylor, by service by email on their attorney, Jennifer A. Waymack Standerfer at jenniferwaymack@sbcglobal.net and Crittenden County Circuit Court Judge Christopher Thyer by email to tferrell@2ndjudicial.org.

this 8th day of October, 2024.



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