

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COLE COUNTY

STATE OF MISSOURI

MERRIE SUZANNE LUTHER, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE
DENNY HOSKINS,

Defendant.

Case No: 25AC-CC06964

JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT

Plaintiff-Appellants Merrie Suzanne Luther, Kim Randolph Davis, Rebeca Amezuca-Hogan, and Kenneth Lawrence Chumbley file this jurisdictional statement in support of their Notice of Appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court.

Rule 81.08. This is an appeal from a judgment denying Plaintiff-Appellants' claim that House Bill 1 is unconstitutional. *See* Judgment, December 9, 2025 ("Given the fact that Section 45 contains no restrictive language, this court concludes that the legislature had the power to enact House Bill 1.").

Because of this, this Court has jurisdiction to consider the substance of the appeal. The Missouri Supreme Court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction to consider "all cases involving the validity of...a statute or provision of the constitution of this state." Mo. Const. art. V, § 3.

Here, the provisions of law at issue purport to draw new congressional districts for the state of Missouri. Plaintiffs sought a declaratory judgment that these provisions are unconstitutional because they violate the directive of Article

III, Section 45 of the Missouri Constitution that redistricting may only occur when a census has been certified to the governor. No census has been certified to the governor since the 2020 census. The circuit court disagreed and found the new provisions of law contained in House Bill 1 constitutional.

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