

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI

MERRIE SUZANNE LUTHER,
et al.

Appellants,

v.

No. SC101412

DENNY HOSKINS,

Respondent,

and

MISSOURI REPUBLICAN STATE
COMMITTEE

Intervenor-Respondent.

MOTION TO EXPEDITE APPELLATE PROCEEDINGS

Appellants Merrie Suzanne Luther, Kim Randolph Davis, Rebeca Amezuca-Hogan, and Kenneth Lawrence Chumbley move this Court for an Order expediting all proceedings in this appeal, including resolution of the merits. In support, Movants state:

1. This matter involves Appellants' challenge to the constitutionality of House Bill 1 (2025) purporting to put in place a new congressional map for the 2026 election.
2. After a bench trial, the Trial Court entered its Judgment on December 9, 2025, finding in favor of Respondents. Thereafter, on December 15, 2025, Appellants filed their notice of appeal.

3. On December 19, 2025, pursuant to Rule 81.045, Appellants filed a Motion to Shorten Time for the judgment to be made final.
4. On December 30, 2025, the trial court, on its own motion, deemed the judgment to be final under Rule 81.045.
5. This case involves legislation adopted by the General Assembly on September 12, 2025 governing which districts will be in place for the 2026 congressional election.
6. Candidate filing for 2026 general election opens on February 24, 2026. A quick resolution to this matter prior to opening of candidate filing will provide certainty to all parties involved in this matter, as well as the general voting public, election officials, and candidates intending to file for Congress.
7. There are currently at least 3 lawsuits pending in the lower courts regarding HB 1.¹ The outcome of this appeal could moot those lawsuits.
8. There are currently 3 lawsuits² pending in the lower courts regarding a proposed referendum on HB 1. The outcome of this appeal could moot those lawsuits.

¹ *Healey et al., v. State*, No. 2516-CV31273 (Jackson Cnty. 2025); *Wise et al., v. State*, No. 2516-CV29597 (Jackson Cnty. 2025); *NAACP, et al., v. Kehoe, et al.*, No. 25AC-CC06724 (Cole Cnty. 2025).

² *People Not Politicians v. Hoskins*, No. 25AC-CC07128 (Cole Cnty. 2025); *People Not Politicians v. Hoskins*, No. 25AC-CC08724 (Cole Cnty. 2025); *Maggard et al., v. State*, No. 25AC-CC09120 (Cole Cnty. 2025). There is also a writ proceeding related to Case No. 25AC-CC07128. See *State ex rel. People Not Politicians v. Limbaugh*, No. WD88522 (Mo. App. W.D. 2025).

9. The outcome of a federal lawsuit may be affected by resolution of this appeal. *Missouri General Assembly, et al., v. von Glahn, et al.*, No. 4:25-cv-01535 (E.D. Mo. Dec. 8, 2025).

10. No party will be prejudiced by an expedited schedule and resolution. The issues here are purely legal and the record below was created on stipulated facts and exhibits. The parties have already and recently briefed and argued the very issues involved in this appeal and are, therefore, well-suited to submit briefing and argument before this Court on an expedited basis.

11. Movants respectfully request that the Court adopt a briefing and submission schedule reflecting the need to resolve this matter prior to candidate filing opening on February 25, 2026. To that end Movants suggest that Appellants file their brief on January 12, 2026; Respondents file their briefs on February 9, 2026 and Appellants file their reply brief on February 16, 2026.

WHEREFORE, Movants respectfully request this Court enter its order expediting appellate proceedings in this matter, adopting an expedited briefing and final resolution timeline, and for such other relief as the Court deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 31st day of December, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court via the Court's electronic filing system which sent notification to all counsel of record.

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