

IN THE MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT

State of Missouri ex rel. PEOPLE NOT
POLITICIANS, *et al.*,

Relators,

v.

No. _____

HON. CHRISTOPHER K. LIMBAUGH,
Judge of the Circuit Court
of Cole County, Missouri,

Respondent.

WRIT SUMMARY

1. Identity of Parties and Attorneys in the Underlying Action, If Any:

Party	Counsel
Respondent, Honorable Christopher K. Limbaugh	N/A
Relators/Plaintiffs People Not Politicians and Richard von Glahn	Charles W. Hatfield, Jeremy A. Root, Alexander C. Barrett, Alixandra S. Cossette, and Greta M. Bax of Stinson LLP, 230 W. McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101
Defendant Secretary of State Denny Hoskins	Samuel C. Freedlund, William J. Seidleck, Graham Miller, and Ryan Dugan of the Missouri Attorney General's Office, 207 W. High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 Jacqueline A. Bryant of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101
Intervenor Put Missouri First	Marc H. Ellinger, Stephanie S. Bell of Ellinger Bell LLC, 308 E. High Street, Suite 300, Jefferson City, MO 65101

2. Nature of Underlying Action, If Any: Action against the Missouri Secretary of State challenging (1) the Secretary of State's final decision rejecting the form

of Plaintiffs' referendum petition sample sheet and (2) the Secretary's decision to preemptively deem referendum signatures invalid based on the date they were gathered.

3. Action of Respondent Being Challenged, Including Date Thereof: Respondent's December 12, 2025 Order placing underlying case in abeyance and Respondent's subsequent failure to render a final, appealable judgment following status conferences on January 13, February 17, and March 17, 2026.

4. Relief Sought by Relator: A permanent Writ of Prohibition directing Respondent to enter a final, appealable judgment that either dismisses the case for lack of justiciability or resolves the merits.

5. Date Case Set for Trial, if Set, and Date of Any Other Event Bearing Upon Relief Sought: The case was tried on December 8, 2025.

6. Date, Court and Disposition of Any Previous or Pending Writ Proceeding Concerning the Action: On December 8, 2025, Relators filed a Petition for a Writ of Prohibition in this Court (No. WD88522) concerning Respondent's decisions to (i) allow Put Missouri First to Intervene and (ii) compel Relators to answer irrelevant and oppressive discovery from Put Missouri First. On December 22, 2025, this Court entered an Order staying that writ proceeding and asked the parties to "advise the Court when and if the underlying litigation resumes, and to state their positions concerning the appropriate disposition of the writ petition at that time." Relators are submitting a status report in that writ proceeding contemporaneously with the filing of this petition.

