

IN THE MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT

PEOPLE NOT POLITICIANS *et al.* )

Appellants, )

v. )

MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE )

DENNY HOSKINS, )

Respondent. )

Case No. WD88795

**JOINT MOTION TO EXPEDITE APPELLATE PROCEEDINGS**

Appellants and Respondents jointly 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 fairness and sufficiency of the summary statement for a referendum petition referring the approval or rejection of House Bill 1 to Missouri voters.
2. On November 13, 2025, the Secretary of State certified the official ballot title for the referendum.
3. Thereafter, on November 20, 2025, Plaintiffs filed their lawsuit challenging the fairness and sufficiency of the summary statement.
4. A bench trial was held on February 9, 2026.
5. After considering the Parties' briefs, arguments, and evidence, the trial court entered a final judgment on March 20, 2026.

6. Because this matter involves a challenge to a summary statement, it must be fully litigated within one hundred eighty days of the petition having been filed. See § 116.190, RSMo.

7. Here, one hundred eighty days after November 20, 2025 is May 19, 2026.

8. Due to this shortened timeframe for resolution, Appellants filed a Motion to Shorten Time under Rule 81.045, to ensure the trial court's judgment would be final prior to the 30-day time period.

9. Defendant did not object to the Motion and the Court entered an Order shortening time on March 25, 2026.

10. The Parties, therefore, request the Court enter an expedited briefing schedule as follows:

- a. Appellants' brief due on or before April 9, 2026
- b. Respondent's brief due on or before April 23, 2026
- c. Appellants' reply brief due on or before April 29, 2026

11. The Parties further stipulate that if any party seeks transfer following this Court's decision, such transfer application will be filed within forty-eight hours of the issuance of the Court's opinion.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request the Court grant their Motion to Expedite Appellate Proceedings and for any such further relief the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed electronically via the Missouri Case.net e-filing system, which notified all counsel of record on this 26th day of March, 2026.

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