

Virginia:

In the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, John Marshall Courts Building

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, et. al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No.: CL26-1208

VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, et. al.,

Defendants

SCHEDULING ORDER

On April 1, 2026, the parties appeared telephonically to schedule briefing and a hearing date in the instant action seeking declaratory relief, a preliminary injunction, and a permanent injunction related to a pending constitutional amendment on congressional redistricting. The Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction on March 31, 2026, that must be heard before trial on the requests for declaratory relief and permanent injunctive relief. "[A] preliminary injunction affords temporary relief *before trial*." *Accident, Injury & Rehabilitation, PC v. Azar*, 943 F.3d 195 (2019) (emphasis in original).

The Court, having heard from counsel and considered the specific circumstances of this case, finds pursuant to Va. Sup. Ct. R. 1:18(c), that a standard scheduling order is inconsistent with the orderly and efficient administration of justice. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that the Motion for Preliminary Injunction is set for a one-day hearing on April 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., and further **DIRECTS** the following:

1. As the Plaintiffs filed a memorandum in support of the motion and exhibits (including two reports of proposed expert witnesses) on March 31, 2026, and further indicated no need for additional expert reports, absent leave of Court, no additional expert reports shall be submitted by the Plaintiffs.

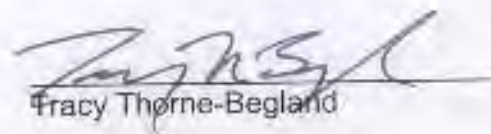
2. Defendants and Intervenor must file responsive briefs and exhibits (including not more than two reports of proposed expert witnesses) no later than April 14, 2026. Absent leave of Court, no further briefs in opposition to the motion or exhibits shall be submitted by the Defendants and Intervenor after April 14, 2026.
3. Plaintiffs may file a reply brief no later than April 17, 2026.
4. Absent leave of Court, Plaintiffs will have 3.5 hours to present evidence in support of their motion and cross-examine witnesses of the defense and intervenor.
5. Absent leave of Court, Defendants and Intervenor will share 3.5 hours to present evidence in opposition to the motion and cross-examine witnesses of the plaintiffs.
6. The parties shall arrange for one or more court reporters to transcribe the proceedings, prepare transcripts, and deliver them to the Court no later than 1630 hours on April 22, 2026.
7. To ensure prompt review, all filings leading up to the April 20, 2026, hearing shall be courtesy copied to: regina.corbit@rva.gov and kevin.byrne@rva.gov.

Pursuant to Rule 1:13, the Court dispenses with the parties' endorsement of this Order.

The Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Order to the parties

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ENTER: 4 12 2026


Tracy Thorne-Begland