STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

MICHELLE MCQUEER, individually and in her official capacity as Clerk of the Township of Bridgewater,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 26-000172-MZ

JOCELYN BENSON, in her official capacity as Michigan Secretary of State, JONATHAN BRATER, in his official capacity as Director of Elections, and MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Hon. Michael J. Riordan

Defendants.

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ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO INTERVENE AND DENYING STATEWIDE TRO

The Republican National Party and Michigan Republican Party move to intervene in these proceedings as plaintiffs. They also seek a statewide temporary restraining order (TRO) for the retention of electronic pollbooks (EPBs) following the November 2026 general election pending the resolution of this matter.

The Court GRANTS the Republican National Party's and Michigan Republican Party's motion to intervene and accepts for filing the complaint accompanying their motion. Defendants may file a separate response to this complaint by Monday, October 12, 2026. The intervenors may file a supplemental brief by Thursday, October 8, 2026, and a response to defendants' supplemental brief by Thursday, October 15, 2026.

The Court has not granted plaintiff Michelle McQueer a TRO for the retention of the EPBs following the November 2026 general election. The Court DENIES the intervenors' motion for a statewide TRO for the retention of the general election EPBs at this time. Should this matter remain pending following the general election, the Court will revisit this matter. In the meantime, the TRO requiring McQueer to retain the EPBs from the primary election and requiring defendants to preserve the EPB software and associated files in a secure manner pending the resolution of this matter remain in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: October 5, 2026

Michael J. Riordan
Judge, Court of Claims

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