

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF CLAIMS**

MICHIGAN SENATE and MICHIGAN SENATE  
MAJORITY LEADER WINNIE BRINKS, in her  
official capacity,

Plaintiffs,

v

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
MICHIGAN HOUSE SPEAKER MATT HALL,  
in his official capacity, and MICHIGAN HOUSE  
CLERK SCOTT STARR, in his official capacity,

Defendants.

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**OPINION AND ORDER**

Case No. 25-000014-MB

Hon. Sima G. Patel

**OPINION AND ORDER GRANTING IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AND DENYING  
MOTION TO ENFORCE**

Plaintiffs ask the Court to enforce the February 27, 2025 declaratory judgment regarding the requirements of Const 1963, art 4, § 33, and seek immediate consideration of their motion. The Court GRANTS the motion for immediate consideration. On the Court’s own motion, the Court STAYS all further proceedings in this Court pending the appellate process.

On February 27, 2025, the Court issued a declaratory judgment recognizing plaintiffs’ right under Const 1963, art 4, § 33 to have nine subject bills “presented to the Governor with sufficient time to allow her 14-days review prior to the earliest date that these bills could take effect” under Const 1963, art 4, § 27. However, the Court determined “[t]he procedures through which this takes place is a legislative function in which the Court will not interfere.” Accordingly, the Court denied plaintiffs’ request for mandamus or a permanent injunction.

The parties filed claims of appeal in the Court of Appeals on March 12, and 13, 2025. On March 17, 2025, plaintiffs filed an emergency bypass application in the Michigan Supreme Court, along with a motion for immediate and expedited consideration. The Supreme Court has yet to rule on the application or motion.

The issues in this case are extremely important and affect every resident of this state. The parties have diligently sought appellate review of this Court’s order and a thoroughly considered opinion from the state’s top court would be to everyone’s benefit. Accordingly, the Court STAYS all further proceedings in this Court pursuant to MCR 7.209(E)(2)(b) (“An appeal does not stay execution unless: . . . The trial court grants a stay . . . as justice so requires. . .”), until the appellate courts reach a final resolution.

Date: March 21, 2025



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Sima G. Patel  
Judge, Court of Claims

