STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY, and CINDY BERRY,

Plaintiffs,

v

Case No. 24-000148-MZ

JOCELYN BENSON, in her official capacity as Secretary of State, and JONATHAN BRATER, in his official capacity as Director of Elections,

Hon. Michael F. Gadola

Defendants.
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ORDER GRANTING JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANTS ON REMAND

On December 3, 2025, this Court denied defendants' motion for summary disposition under MCR 2.116(C)(10) in this election-related case and granted in part plaintiffs' motions for summary disposition under MCR 2.116(I)(1) and for declaratory relief under MCR 2.605. On December 29, 2026, the Court entered a final order and judgment granting permanent injunctive relief.[1] On June 26, 2026, our Court of Appeals reversed this Court's final order and judgment, vacated the permanent injunction, and remanded for entry of a judgment in favor of defendants.

[1] By agreement of the parties, the Court entered an order on February 13, 2026, amending the final judgment to state that Court's injunction would not apply to the special primary election to be held on February 3, 2026, or to the regular and special elections to be held on May 5, 2026. In all other respects the December 29, 2025 final judgment was unchanged.

Republican Nat'l Committee v Secretary of State, ___ Mich App ___; ___ NW3d ___ (June 26, 2026) (Docket No. 379136).

On August 7, 2026, plaintiffs filed an application for leave to appeal the decision of our Court of Appeals. Our Supreme court denied plaintiffs' application. *Republican Nat'l Committee v Secretary of State*, ___ Mich ___ (October 29, 2026) (Docket No. 170494).

Now, on remand, and for all the reasons stated by our Court of Appeals in *Republican Nat'l Committee*, ___ Mich App ___, IT IS ORDERED that judgment is entered in favor of defendants.

IT IS SO ORDERED. This is a final order that resolves the last pending claim and closes the case.

Date: October 30, 2026

Hon. Michael F. Gadola
Chief Judge, Court of Claims