# STATE OF MICHIGAN

# COURT OF CLAIMS

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

Plaintiffs,

v

Case No. 25-000014-MB

Hon. Sima G. Patel

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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## ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT AS MOOT

On February 3, 2025, plaintiffs filed suit seeking to compel defendants to present nine bills that had been approved by both houses of the Legislature to the Governor. On February 27, 2025, this Court entered a declaratory judgment that defendants were required by Const 1963, art 4, § 33 to present the bills to the Governor, but finding no ground to enforce that duty. Plaintiffs appealed and defendants filed a cross appeal. The Court of Appeals affirmed this Court's decision on the merits, but, in a split opinion, concluded that the Court could compel defendants' action in this regard. The Court of Appeals remanded to this Court for entry of a writ of mandamus compelling defendants to present the nine bills to the Governor. Defendants filed an application for leave to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court. The Supreme Court heard oral argument on the application, but on July 10, 2026, denied the application for leave to appeal.

This Court was then required to wait 21 days before implementing the Court of Appeals order on remand. See MCR 7.315(C). During that time, Governor Gretchen Whitmer preemptively vetoed the nine bills. See Letter from Governor Whitmer to Michigan House of Representatives, July 10, 2026, available at <https://michiganadvance.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/HBs-4177-4665-4666-4667-4900-4901-5817-5818-6058-Veto-Letter-FINAL.pdf> (accessed July 31, 2026). The Governor's action has rendered MOOT plaintiffs' petition for a writ of mandamus. Although not officially submitted to the Governor by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Governor has already exercised her executive function and vetoed the nine bills.

Accordingly, the Court DISMISSES plaintiffs' complaint as MOOT. This is a final order resolving all issues in this case.

Date: August 3, 2026

Sima G. Patel
Judge, Court of Claims