STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

AHER A. HOWARD,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 26-000097-MZ

MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON,

Hon. Randy J. Wallace

Defendant.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Court orders plaintiff to show cause why this matter should not be dismissed for lack of a verified claim or notice of intention to file a claim under MCL 600.6431(2)(d) of the Court of Claims Act.

The requirements of the Court of Claims Act are conditions precedent to "successfully expose the defendant state agencies to liability," *Fairley v Dep't of Corrections*, 497 Mich 290, 298; 871 NW2d 129 (2015), and the failure to comply with the notice and verification requirements mandates dismissal of the case, *Elia Cos, LLC v Univ of Mich Regents*, 511 Mich 66, 68; 993 NW2d 392 (2023).

Plaintiff did not file a notice of intention to file a claim with the clerk of this Court. The complaint that was filed on May 13, 2026, does not contain a signature and verification by the claimant before an officer authorized to administer oaths as required by MCL 600.6431(2)(d). Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff is directed to show cause within 14 days of the date of this order why this Court should not dismiss this matter.

2. Should plaintiff fail to respond by the deadline or fail to comply with the verification requirements in MCL 600.6431(2)(d) of the Court of Claims Act, this matter will be dismissed.

3. To remedy this defect, plaintiff may file an amended complaint with the following statement at the conclusion: "I declare under penalty of perjury that this Complaint has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief." This statement must be signed before a licensed notary.

Date: May 28, 2026

Hon. Randy J. Wallace
Judge, Court of Claims