STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

AHER ADAM HOWARD,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 26-000097-MZ

JOCELYN BENSON, in her Official Capacity as MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE,

Hon. Randy J. Wallace

Defendant.
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ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S 7/10/26 MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff filed this lawsuit on May 13, 2026. On May 29, 2026, plaintiff filed an amended, verified complaint in response to this Court's May 28, 2026 show-cause order. Plaintiff served the amended complaint on defendant on June 15, 2026, via certified mail, return receipt requested. Counsel for defendant filed an appearance on June 26, 2026. On July 10, 2026, defendant moved, under MCR 2.108(E), for a 14-day extension of the July 13, 2026 answer deadline, arguing that counsel is managing substantial briefing obligations in multiple election matters with tight deadlines and that the brief extension will not prejudice plaintiff. Plaintiff has responded, but does not challenge the substance of the motion. Defendant has replied.

Upon review of the motion, defendant's motion to extend the time to respond to plaintiff's amended complaint is GRANTED. The deadline for defendant to respond to the amended complaint is **July 27, 2026**.

IT IS SO ORDERED. This order does not resolve the last pending claim and does not close the case.

Date: July 14, 2026

Hon. Randy J. Wallace
Judge, Court of Claims