STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

MICHAEL A. COX and MIKE COX 2026,

Plaintiffs,

v

Case No. 26-000151-MZ

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE and JOCELYN BENSON,

Hon. Michael F. Gadola

Defendants.
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SCHEDULING ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All witnesses, including experts, must be named on witness lists and exchanged no later than **February 9, 2027**.

2. Discovery must be completed no later than **April 16, 2027**. Under MCR 2.301; MCR 2.401(C)(2), discovery beyond this date will be permitted only on motion for good cause shown.

3. Any motion to amend pleadings must be filed by **March 5, 2027**. Additional discovery related to an amended pleading will be permitted only on motion for good cause shown.

4. Any dispositive motion must be filed no later than **April 22, 2027**.

5. The parties are directed to bookmark all PDF exhibits filed with a motion.

6. A status conference may be held on a date determined by the Court and the parties will be notified via e-mail to be initiated by the Court.

7. The parties are encouraged to use self-instituted ADR.

Date: September 16, 2026

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